

Red Line Looming

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BRUSSELS (AP) — U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry urged NATO on Tuesday to prepare for the possible use of chemical weapons by Syria on the same day that a senior Israeli military intelligence official said Syrian President Bashar Assad had used such weapons last month in his battle against insurgents.



U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry gestures during a news conference at NATO headquarters on Tuesday, April 23, 2013, in Brussels, Belgium.

(AP Photo/Evan Vucci)

It was the first time Israel had accused the embattled Syrian leader of using his stockpile of nonconventional weapons. The assessment, based on visual evidence, could raise pressure on the U.S. and other Western countries to intervene in Syria. Britain and France recently announced that they had evidence that Assad's government had used chemical weapons. President Barack Obama has warned that the use of chemical weapons by Assad would be a "game changer" and has hinted that it could draw intervention.

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Traders Kenneth Polcari, left, and John Liotti work on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange. Hackers compromised Twitter accounts of The Associated Press on Tuesday, sending out a false tweet about an attack at the White House. The false tweet briefly sent the Dow Jones industrial average sharply lower. The Dow fell 143 points, from 14,697 to 14,554, after the fake Twitter posting, and then quickly recovered.

(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

AP Twitter account hacking unnerves Wall Street

NEW YORK (AP) — Hackers compromised Twitter accounts of The Associated Press on Tuesday, sending out a false tweet about an attack at the White House. The false tweet said there had been two explosions at the White House and that President Barack Obama was injured. The attack on AP's Twitter account and the AP Mobile Twitter account was preceded by phishing attempts on AP's corporate network.

The AP confirmed that its Twitter account had been suspended following a hack and said it was working to correct the issue. The false tweet went out shortly after 1 p.m. and briefly sent the Dow Jones industrial average sharply lower. The Dow fell 143 points, from 14,697 to 14,554, after the fake Twitter posting, and then quickly recovered. A Securities and Exchange Commission spokeswoman

declined comment on the incident. AP spokesman Paul Colford said the news cooperative is working with Twitter to investigate the issue. The AP has disabled its other Twitter accounts following the attack, Colford added. The Syrian Electronic Army claimed responsibility for the hack. This couldn't be corroborated. The FBI has opened an investigation into the incident, spokeswoman Jenny Shearer said.

She declined to elaborate. The SEA has taken credit for a string of Web attacks on media targets it sees as sympathetic to Syria's rebels. Among the targets the group claims to have hacked are Twitter feeds of Al-Jazeera English and the BBC. White House spokesman Jay Carney said the president was fine. "I was just with him," Carney said at a news briefing. Twitter had no comment. □



Chiheb Esseghaier, one of two men accused of plotting a terror attack on rail target, is led off a plane by an Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) officer at Buttonville Airport just north of Toronto on Tuesday April 23, 2013. Canadian investigators say Raed Jaser, 35, and his suspected accomplice Esseghaier, 30, received "directions and guidance" from members of al-Qaida in Iran.
(AP Photo/Chris Young)

Canada terror plot suspect denies charges

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TORONTO (AP) — A man accused of plotting with al-Qaida members in Iran to derail a train in Canada rejected the charges and said Tuesday that authorities were basing their conclusions on appearances. Law enforcement officials in the U.S. said the target was a train that runs between New York City and Canada.

Canadian investigators say Raed Jaser, 35, and his suspected accomplice Chiheb Esseghaier, 30, received guidance — but no money — from members of al-Qaida in Iran. Iran released a statement saying it had nothing to do with the plot, even though there were no claims in Canada that the attacks were sponsored directly by Iran. But the case raised questions about the extent of Shiite-led Iran's relationship with the predominantly Sunni Arab terrorist network. It also renewed attention on Iran's complicated history with the terror group, which ranges from outright hostility to alliances of convenience and even overtures by Tehran to assist Washington after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks on the United States.

"We oppose any terror-

ist and violent action that would jeopardize lives of innocent people," Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesman Ramin Mehmanparast said Tuesday.

Charges against the two men in Canada include conspiring to carry out an attack and murder people in association with a terrorist group. Police — tipped off by an imam worried by the behavior of one of the suspects — said it was the first known attack planned by al-Qaida in Canada.

Law officials in New York with knowledge of the investigation told The Associated Press the attack was to take place on the Canadian side of the border. They are not authorized to discuss the investigation and spoke only on condition of anonymity. Amtrak and Via Rail Canada jointly operate routes between the United States and Canada, including the Maple Leaf from New York City to Toronto. Mayor Michael Bloomberg said Canada has kept New York posted on the investigation.

"I can just tell you that you are probably safer in New York City than you are in any other big city," Bloomberg told reporters Tuesday without discussing details. In a brief court appearance in Montreal, a beard-

ed Esseghaier declined to be represented by a court-appointed lawyer. He made a brief statement in French in which he called the allegations against him unfair. "The conclusions were made based on facts and words which are only appearances," he said in a calm voice after asking permission to speak.

Jaser appeared in court earlier Tuesday in Toronto and also did not enter a plea. He was given a new court date of May 23. He had a long beard, wore a black shirt with no tie, and was accompanied by his parents and brother. The court granted a request by his lawyer, John Norris, for a publication ban on future evidence and testimony. Norris questioned the timing of the arrests, pointing to ongoing debates in the Canadian Parliament over a new anti-terrorism law that would expand the powers of police and intelligence agencies.

He said his client would "defend himself vigorously" against the accusations, and noted Jaser was a permanent resident of Canada who has lived there for 20 years. Norris refused to say where Jaser was from, saying that revealing his nationality in the current climate amounted to demonizing him. □

Furloughs caused 1,200 flight delays on Monday, FAA says

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WASHINGTON — The furlough of air traffic controllers delayed more than 1,200 flights on Monday, the first weekday of the unpaid leaves, the Federal Aviation Administration said Tuesday, as lawmakers criticized the agency for how it was handling the automatic budget cuts required by sequestration. Apart from the furloughs, the FAA counted more than 1,400 delays for weather and other reasons.

On Tuesday, it said there were delays in the New York area and in Washington because of "staffing challenges," but it did not say what fraction of the delays were due to furloughs.

"Travelers can expect to see a wide range of delays that will change throughout the day depending on staffing and weather-related issues," the agency said in a statement. The staffing problems are mostly in radar rooms, not control towers, it added.

There are 30,000 to 35,000 commercial flights a day in the United States. Some travelers were delayed a few minutes, but others missed connections and were delayed for hours. Some later flights were delayed or canceled because the airplanes they were to use had arrived so late.

A private company that monitors airline performance, FlightStats.com, evidently using a broader definition, counted nearly 7,000 delays on Monday, from all causes.

A spokeswoman for the company, Sarena Regazzoni, said that comparisons were difficult because the weather changed from day to day, but that the number "seems heightened but not excessive."

Sen. John D. Rockefeller IV, D-W.Va., the chairman of the Senate Commerce Committee, and Sen. John Thune, R-S.D., the ranking Republican member, sent a letter to the transportation secretary, whose department governs the FAA, asking for more information and complaining that "to date, the administration's response to our inquiries has consistently been slow and disturbingly limited."

The two senators complained that the FAA administrator, Michael P. Huerta, and provided "only general statements" to the committee about how it would handle the sequester, while giving a detailed briefing to the airlines.

The airlines, though, complained that their briefing was cursory.

Airline officials said that at a meeting, the FAA had passed out copies of an analysis of likely delays, but then demanded all the copies back at the end of the briefing. □



Sen. John Rockefeller IV (D-W.Va.), who is the chairman of the Senate Commerce Committee, en route to a hearing on Capitol Hill in Washington, April 23, 2013. With many air traffic controllers on unpaid leave, some lawmakers, including Rockefeller, criticized the Federal Aviation Administration for how it was handling the automatic budget cuts required by sequestration.

(Doug Mills/The New York Times)

Kerry: NATO needs plan for Syrian chemical weapons

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But White House spokesman Jay Carney said while the administration is continuing to monitor and investigate whether the Syrian regime has used chemical weapons, it has "not come to the conclusion that there has been that use."

"But it is something that is of great concern to us, to our partners, and obviously unacceptable as the president made clear," Carney said.

Despite the deteriorating situation, NATO officials say there is virtually no chance the alliance will intervene in the civil war. More than 70,000 people have died in the conflict, according to the United Nations.

The violence also has forced more than 1 million Syrians to seek safety abroad, and more are leaving by the day, burdening neighboring countries such as Lebanon, Jordan, Turkey and Iraq.

On Tuesday, Brig. Gen. Itai Brun, the head of research and analysis in Israeli military intelligence, told a security conference in Tel Aviv that Assad had used chemical weapons multiple times. Among the incidents were attacks documented by the French and British near Damascus last month.

He cited images of people hurt, but gave no indication he had other evidence, such as soil sam-

ples, typically used to verify chemical weapons use.

"To the best of our professional understanding, the regime used lethal chemical weapons against the militants in a series of in-

the lack of response by the international community.

"The fact that chemical weapons were used without an appropriate response is a very disturbing development because it

might happen if he were toppled.

Israeli officials are concerned that Assad's stockpile of chemical weapons and other advanced arms could reach the hands of

would be most at risk from such an attack. NATO has already deployed Patriot missile batteries in Turkey.

"Planning regarding Syria, such as what (NATO) has already done,

is an appropriate undertaking for the alliance," Kerry told NATO foreign ministers. "We should also carefully and collectively consider how NATO is prepared to respond to protect its members from a Syrian threat, including any potential chemical weapons threat."

Speaking at a news conference after the meeting, NATO Secretary General Anders Fogh Rasmussen said the alliance is "extremely concerned about the use of ballistic missiles in Syria and the possible use of chemical weapons."

However, he also noted that NATO has not been asked to intervene.

"There is no call for NATO to play a role, but if these challenges remain unaddressed they could directly affect our own security," he told reporters.

"So we will continue to remain extremely vigilant."

Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov, in Brussels to talk with his counterparts from NATO countries, said Russia would want any investigation of whether chemical weapons have been used to be conducted by experts and concern only the specific report being investigated. □



U.S. Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel speaks with Israeli soldiers during his visit to an army base near Tel Aviv, Israel, April 23, 2013. Israel's senior military intelligence analyst said Tuesday there was evidence the Syrian government had repeatedly used chemical weapons in the last month, and he criticized the international community for failing to respond.

(Jim Watson/Pool via The New York Times)

cidents over the past months, including the relatively famous incident of March 19," Brun said. "Shrunk pupils, foaming at the mouth and other signs indicate, in our view, that lethal chemical weapons were used."

He said sarin, a lethal nerve agent, was probably used. He also said the Syrian regime was using less lethal chemical weapons. And he appeared to lament

could signal that such a thing is legitimate," he said. Israel, which borders Syria, has been warily watching the Syrian civil war since fighting erupted there in March 2011. Although Assad is a bitter enemy, Israel has been careful not to take sides, partly because the Assad family has kept the border with Israel quiet for 40 years and partly because of fears of what

his ally, the Hezbollah militant group in Lebanon, or Islamic extremist groups trying to oust him from Syria.

Kerry, attending his first meeting of NATO's governing body, the North Atlantic Council, as America's top diplomat, said contingency plans should be put in place to guard against the threat of a chemical strike. Turkey, a member of the military alliance, borders Syria and

Richest 7% in US got richer during economic recovery

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WASHINGTON (AP) — The richest Americans got richer during the first two years of the economic recovery while average net worth declined for the other 93 percent of U.S. households, says a report released Tuesday. The upper 7 percent of households owned 63 percent of the nation's total household wealth in 2011, up from 56 percent in 2009, said the report from the Pew Research Center,

which analyzed new Census Bureau data released last month.

The main reason for the widening wealth gap is that affluent households typically own stocks and other financial holdings that increased in value, while the less wealthy tend to have more of their assets in their homes, which haven't rebounded from the plunge in home values, the report said.

Tuesday's report is the latest to point up financial

inequality that has been growing among Americans for decades, a development that helped fuel the Occupy Wall Street protests. A September Census Bureau report on income found that the highest-earning 20 percent of households earned more than half of all income the previous year, the biggest share in records kept since 1967. A 2011 Congressional Budget Office report said incomes for the richest 1 percent soared 275

percent between 1979 and 2007 while increasing just under 40 percent for the middle 60 percent of Americans.

Other details of Tuesday's new report:

—Overall, the wealth of American households rose by \$5 trillion, or 14 percent, during the period to \$40.2 trillion in 2011 from \$35.2 trillion in 2009. Household wealth is the sum of all assets such as a home, car and stocks, minus the sum of all debts.

—The average net worth of households in the upper 7 percent of the wealth distribution rose by an estimated 28 percent, while that of households in the lower 93 percent dropped by 4 percent. That is, the mean wealth of the 8 million households in the more affluent group rose to an estimated \$3.2 million from an estimated \$2.5 million while that of the 111 million households in the less affluent group fell to roughly \$134,000 from \$140,000. □



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New details emerge in Boston bombing

BOSTON (AP)—New details emerged Tuesday from U.S. officials and family members about how the two Boston Marathon bombing suspects may have been swayed by a radical, anti-American strain of Islam. A U.S. senator said they had been radicalized by sources on the Web, not through direct contact with terror groups.

The condition of the younger brother, Dzhokhar Tsarnaev, was upgraded from serious to fair as investigators continued building their case against the 19-year-old university student. He could face the death penalty after being charged Monday with joining forces with his brother, now dead, in setting off the shrapnel-packed pressure-cooker bombs that killed three people.

More than 260 people were injured by the bomb blasts last week. About 50 were still hospitalized.

In Washington, Republican Sen. Richard Burr said after the Senate Intelligence Committee was briefed by federal law enforcement officials that there is "no question" that older brother Tamerlan Tsarnaev was "the dominant force" behind the attacks, and that the brothers had apparently been radicalized by material on the Internet rather than by contact with militant groups overseas.

Authorities believe neither brother, both Russian-born ethnic Chechens, had links to terror groups. However, two U.S. officials said Tuesday that Tamerlan Tsarnaev, 26 — who died last week in a gunbattle — frequently looked at extremist websites, including Inspire magazine, an English-language online publication produced by al-Qaida's Yemen affiliate. The mag-

azine has endorsed lone-wolf terror attacks.

Both officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss the investigation publicly.

Family members reached in the U.S. and abroad by The Associated Press said Tamerlan was steered toward a strict strain of Islam

his brain," said Tamerlan's uncle, Ruslan Tsarni of Maryland, who recalled conversations with Tamerlan's worried father about Misha's influence.

"You could always hear his younger brother and sisters say, 'Tamerlan said this,' and 'Tamerlan said that.' Dzhokhar loved him. He would do whatever Tamer-

Tamerlan met Misha, a heavyset bald man with a reddish beard. Khozhugov didn't know where they met but believed they attended a Boston-area mosque together.

Hoping to learn more about the motives, U.S. investigators traveled to southern Russia on Tuesday to speak to the parents of the two suspects, a U.S. Embassy official said.

The parents live in Dagestan, a predominantly Muslim province in Russia's Caucasus, where Islamic militants have waged an insurgency against Russian security forces for years.

A lawyer for the family, Zaurbek Sadakhanov, said the parents had just seen pictures of the mutilated body of their elder son and were not up to speaking with anyone.

In Washington, members of the Senate Intelligence Committee were briefed by the FBI and other law enforcement officials at a closed-door session Tuesday evening.

Afterward, Republican Sen. Marco Rubio described the two brothers as "a couple of individuals who become radicalized using Internet sources."

"So we need to be prepared for Boston-type attacks, not just 9/11-style attacks," Rubio said, referring to lone-wolf terrorists as opposed to well-organized teams from established terror networks.

Republican Sen. Saxby Chambliss said law enforcement officials have gotten "minimal" information from Dzhokhar Tsarnaev and are still looking into whether the brothers had training or coaching from a foreign group.

The Boston area continued mourning the victims of the attack Tuesday. □



Two West New York police department patrol cars sit in front of an apartment building Tuesday, April 23, 2013, in West New York, N.J., where Ailina Tsarnaev lives. (AP Photo/Mel Evans)

under the influence of a Muslim convert known to the Tsarnaev family only as Misha.

After befriending Misha, Tamerlan gave up boxing, stopped studying music and began opposing the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq, according to family members, who said he turned to websites and literature claiming that the CIA was behind the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks.

"Somehow, he just took

lan would say," recalled Elmirza Khozhugov, the ex-husband of Tamerlan's sister. He spoke by telephone from his home in Almaty, Kazakhstan.

The brothers, who came to the U.S. from Russia a decade ago, were raised in a home that followed Sunni Islam, the religion's largest sect, but were not regulars at the mosque and rarely discussed religion, Khozhugov said.

Then, in 2008 or 2009,

Bail denied for alleged Florida terror suspect

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MIAMI (AP) — A Pakistani-born man accused along with his younger brother in an alleged terror plot to detonate bombs in New York City was critical to the plan because of his financial support, a federal prosecutor told a Miami judge at a bail hearing Tuesday. Assistant U.S. Attorney Karen Gilbert also said that Sheheryar Alam Qazi, 30, had full knowledge that 20-year-old Raees Alam Qazi was learning how to make explosive devices via the Internet and was determined to mount an attack to avenge deaths caused by U.S. drones in Afghanistan and elsewhere.

"He full well knew what his brother was intending to do," Gilbert said of the elder Qazi. "He played a very significant role, because he paid all the bills to enable his brother."

U.S. Magistrate Judge Chris McAliley denied bail for Qazi, finding that he is a great risk to flee to Pakistan and avoid prosecution. The brothers have been locked up since their arrests in November on charges of attempting to use a weapon of mass destruction and conspiring to provide material support to terrorists.

Both men, who are naturalized U.S. citizens, have pleaded not guilty. If convicted, they face a possible life prison sentence. Sheheryar Qazi was seeking release on bail Tuesday, with his attorney Ronald Chapman trying to show he wasn't aware of his brother's plans and would not flee to Pakistan if released.

Much of Tuesday's hearing centered on a statement Raees Qazi made to the FBI after his arrest. □

Powerful Montana democrat Baucus to leave senate



Sen. Max Baucus (D-Mont.), center, is surrounded by reporters on Capitol Hill, in Washington, April 23, 2013. Baucus, the chairman of the Finance Committee, will retire from the Senate after 36 years, the sixth Senate Democrat to head to the exits in 2014, Democratic officials said.

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WASHINGTON — Under friendly fire in the Capitol and squeezed politically at home, Sen. Max Baucus of Montana, the powerful chairman of the Senate Finance Committee and a man often at odds with fellow Democrats, announced Tuesday that he would retire in 2014 after almost four decades in Congress.

The decision by Baucus, 71, to forgo a seventh term brings to six the number of senior Senate Democrats who will not seek re-election next year, including many of the party's most popular and venerable senators. Baucus, though, was known for frustrating Democratic leaders by opposing major party initiatives as well as his solo attempts to cut deals with Republicans.

Leadership efforts to go around Baucus may have contributed to his decision to leave the Senate. His votes last week against gun control legislation pushed by President Barack Obama earned him the enmity of many liberals, including an advertising campaign attacking him in his home state. And his break on the gun bill came after he had opposed the Democratic leadership's

budget plan, which contained targets for tax increases that he had fought against as chairman of the tax-writing committee.

Just this week, over Baucus' fierce opposition, Democratic leaders forced Internet sales tax legislation to the Senate floor — without his committee's imprimatur. Montana is one of four states without a sales tax, and Baucus has tried to rally resistance to the Internet bill, which is championed by Sen. Richard J. Durbin of Illinois, the Senate's No. 2 Democrat.

"Max was considering this weeks ago, long before this matter was brought to the floor," Durbin said, dismissing aides close to Baucus who suggested that the Internet power play was the final straw for him.

With his decision, Baucus joined Sens. Carl Levin of Michigan, Tim Johnson of South Dakota, John D. Rockefeller IV of West Virginia, Tom Harkin of Iowa and Frank R. Lautenberg of New Jersey in heading for the exits. Even if Schweitzer runs for the Senate, the Democratic Party will be playing defense on a large and expanding playing field, hoping to stave off Republicans seeking control of the Senate for a third straight election.

If Democrats can maintain control of the chamber, Sen. Ron Wyden of Oregon would be next in line for the chairmanship of the Finance Committee, which has jurisdiction not only over taxes but health care and entitlements like Medicare. □

Report:

ATF shortfalls delay gun dealer inspections

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WASHINGTON — The embattled ATF is failing to inspect a majority of licensed gun dealers every 3-to-5 years because of competing priorities and a lack of investigators, the Justice Department said Tuesday. Between 2007 and 2012, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives' investigators had not inspected 58 percent of firearms dealers for five years, the Justice Department's inspector general concluded.

The report also said ATF failed to track whether its workforce of 624 industry operations investigators was prioritizing inspections of "high risk" dealers — those located in border regions or with high numbers

of sales of guns recovered after crimes.

Investigators are distinct from ATF's 2,500 special agents. Investigators do not carry guns and have no power to arrest suspects.

Justice Department Inspector General Michael Horowitz noted that "insufficient investigator resources" was a primary reason for the shortfall. A chart in the report said ATF would need 504 extra investigators — a 45 percent increase — to get up to speed.

Of those 504, 59 would be needed in ATF's Houston Division; 39 in the San Francisco Division; 26 in the New York Division; and 49 in the Boston Division, which has jurisdiction over Connecticut.

The report said ATF had

made some improvements since a 2004 DOJ-IG report concluded that firearms dealer inspections "were infrequent and of inconsistent quality, and follow-up inspections and adverse actions had been sporadic." But the improvements appeared to be outweighed by continuing problems. Since 2004, the ATF's investigator workforce has grown by 22 percent to 624. But the number of licensed firearm dealers mushroomed to 123,587 in the same period — an increase of 16 percent.

Among competing priorities that consumed investigators' time were examining qualifications of applicants for federal explosives licenses, which under law must be completed within 90 days. □

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US man in ricin case: 'I love my country'

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TUPELO, Mississippi (AP) —

Charges were dropped Tuesday against the man accused of sending ricin-laced letters to President Barack Obama and others, while authorities searched at another man's home in connection with the case. The surprising move was announced in a brief document filed in federal court in Oxford hours after Paul Kevin Curtis was released from custody. The charges were dismissed without prejudice, which means they could be re-instated if prosecutors so choose. Attorneys for Curtis have suggested he was framed, and an FBI agent testified in court this week that no evidence of ricin was found in searches of his home. At a news conference Tuesday, they declined to discuss whether they were told what new information the government had uncovered.

"I respect President Obama," Curtis said to reporters. "I love my country and would never do anything to pose a threat to him or any other U.S. official." Prosecutors couldn't immediately be reached for comment. In Tupelo, numerous law enforcement officers con-



Paul Kevin Curtis, who had been in custody under suspicion of sending ricin-laced letters to President Barack Obama and others, left, hugs his attorney Christi McCoy during a news conference following his release Tuesday, April 23, 2013 in Oxford, Miss.

(AP Photo/Oxford Eagle, Bruce Newman)

verged on the home of another Mississippi man, including some in hazmat suits.

Everett Dutschke said in a phone interview with The Associated Press that the FBI was at his Tupelo home Tuesday for the search connected to the mailing of poisoned letters to Obama, U.S. Senator Roger Wicker of Mississippi and a state judge. Dutschke

said his house was also searched last week.

Dutschke has maintained his innocence and says he doesn't know anything about the ingredients for ricin.

He said agents asked him about Curtis, whether Dutschke would take a lie detector test and if he had ever bought castor beans, which can be used to make the potent poison.

"I'm a patriotic American. I don't have any grudges against anybody. I did not send the letters," said Dutschke, who hasn't been arrested or charged.

After charges were dropped against Curtis, he said: "I'm a little shocked." Tuesday's events began when the third day of a preliminary and detention hearing was cancelled without officials explaining the change. Within two hours, Curtis had been released, though it wasn't clear why at first.

Through his lawyers, Curtis has denied involvement in the letters.

"The searches are concluded, not one single shred of evidence was found to indicate Kevin could have done this," Defense lawyer Christi McCoy told reporters after a hearing Monday.

McCoy said in court that someone may have framed Curtis. She questioned why Curtis would have signed the letters "I am KC and I approve this message," a phrase he had used on his Facebook page. Later, at the news conference, Curtis said the past week had been a nightmare for his family.

Referring to questioning by investigators, Curtis said: "I thought they said rice, and I said 'I don't even eat rice.'" □

State department criticized by EPA on pipeline report

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WASHINGTON — The Environmental Protection Agency sharply criticized the State Department's impact statement for the proposed Keystone XL oil pipeline, saying the report failed to adequately consider the climate change impacts of building the pipeline or to realistically assess alternative pipeline routes or modes of transport.

In a relatively unusual public squabble between agencies, a top EPA official said in a letter to State Department officials that the department's latest environmental statement for the 1,700-mile pipeline provided "insufficient information" to adequately judge the project, and that the EPA could not sign off on the pipeline unless more complete studies were performed.

The letter was one of more than 1 million documents submitted as part of the public comment phase of the project. At the end of February, the State Department issued an environmental-impact statement for the pipeline, saying there was no conclusive environmental or economic reason not to build the project. The pipeline would carry a heavy form of oil known as bitumen from oil sands formations in Alberta to refineries in Texas.

Secretary of State John Kerry is expected to make a recommendation to President Barack Obama on the pipeline later this year. The State Department must determine whether the project is in the national interest because it crosses an international border.

The EPA comments cheered environmentalists, who have made stopping the pipeline a major cause. But it was not clear whether it would affect the decision on the project. Cynthia Giles, the EPA assistant administrator for enforcement and compliance. □

Court hears case on conditions to federal grants

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WASHINGTON — The question for the Supreme Court earlier this week was whether groups receiving federal money to combat AIDS abroad may be required to adopt policies opposing prostitution. The answer, judging from the justices' comments in the first half of the argument, seemed to be that the First Amendment bars attaching that kind of condition to federal grants.

"There have to be some limitations on what type of loyalty oath you can re-

quire them to sign," said Chief Justice John G. Roberts Jr. Justice Samuel A. Alito Jr. said that allowing the government to compel speech is "a dangerous proposition." Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, too, was skeptical about "requiring somebody to say 'I believe this' or 'I agree with the government on that.'"

But what seemed like a consensus disintegrated as the argument progressed and the justices started to sort through what conditions might be permitted by the First Amendment. Thanks to a tenacious argument by a

government lawyer, concessions by a lawyer challenging the 2003 law requiring the anti-prostitution policy and probing hypothetical questions from the justices, what looked like an easy case at the outset grew more complicated. Roberts asked whether the government could have required groups receiving money for water projects in South Africa years ago to adopt policies opposing apartheid. The question elicited a long pause from David W. Bowker, a lawyer for groups challenging the law. Bowker said the anti-

apartheid condition might pass First Amendment muster if it could be shown to be related to the groups' ability to conduct their work. The Supreme Court's precedents on so-called unconstitutional conditions are confusing, and Bowker tried to walk a series of fine lines. He said the government was free to finance some programs and not others, and conceded that the government may control the speech of groups accepting money as long as it was in connection with their work on the programs. □



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Poll: New Yorkers expect more arrests of legislators



Eric Stevenson, a New York assemblyman, second from left, was arrested on federal charges of accepting bribes after a scheme to help developers open adult day care centers was uncovered. (John Marshall Mantel/The New York Times)

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Trust in government, thy name is not Albany.

After a pair of New York state legislators were charged in unrelated corruption scandals this month, more than 80 percent of voters say they believe that additional lawmakers are likely to be accused of ethical malfeasance in the near future, according to a poll released on Monday.

The poll, by Siena College, found that voters had a high level of suspicion about their state government. Roughly 1 in 3 said they believed it was likely that their own state senator could be arrested on corruption charges, and about the same number of voters believed it was likely that their assembly member could be arrested.

More than half of voters said they were distrustful of and cynical about New York politics. Nearly that number said they had concluded that most state legislators "cannot be trusted."

Steven A. Greenberg, a Siena pollster, said, "Clearly, the recent arrests have eroded confidence in the Legislature."

The poll was conducted from April 14-18, after the arrests of Sen. Malcolm A. Smith, a Queens Democrat, and Assemblyman Eric A. Stevenson, a Bronx Democrat, on federal corruption charges in separate cases. Since then, Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo and lawmakers have vowed to press for new anti-corruption laws before the end of the current legislative session.

The poll found that voters were supportive, and even eager, for reform proposals that went beyond what Cuomo and lawmakers are discussing.

Eighty-two percent supported limiting state legislators to five two-year terms. And 54 percent supported making the Legislature work full time — legislators would be forbidden to have second jobs but would receive a higher salary. Neither change is under serious consideration at the Capitol.

Fifty-five percent of voters said they also supported barring candidates from running for office on multiple party lines. Smith was charged in a scheme to bribe his way onto the ballot for mayor of New York City as a Republican. Cuomo has proposed end-

ing the requirement that candidates wishing to run on the ballot line of parties in which they are not registered members receive the authorization of party leaders; his proposal would change, but not eliminate, New York's unusual fusion voting system, under which candidates may run for office with the support of multiple parties. Voters seemed to disagree with Cuomo about which law

enforcement officials are best suited to increase ethics enforcement. The governor has suggested giving more power to district attorneys to prosecute public corruption. But a plurality of voters, 29 percent, said they believed federal prosecutors should take the lead in cleaning up corruption in the Legislature. Cuomo has also proposed creating a new office in the State Board of Elections to

police violations of state election law. Although he suggested during his campaign for governor giving more authority to the attorney general for ethics enforcement, he no longer supports that idea. In the poll, 27 percent of voters said Attorney General Eric T. Schneiderman, like Cuomo a Democrat, should take primary responsibility for battling corruption in the Legislature. □

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French protest against gay marriage turns violent

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PARIS (AP) — France legalized gay marriage on Tuesday after a wrenching national debate that exposed deep conservatism in the nation's heartland and triggered huge demonstrations that tapped into intense discontent with the Socialist government. Within hours, fiery clashes broke out between protesters and riot police. Legions of officers stayed late into the night, and a protest against the measure turned violent near the Invalides complex of museums and monuments. Protesters threw glass bottles, cans and metal bars at police, who responded with tear gas.

It was an issue that galvanized the country's faltering right, which had been decimated by infighting and their election loss to President Francois Hollande. France is the 14th country to legalize gay marriage nationwide — and the most populous. The measure passed eas-

ily in the Socialist-majority Assembly, 331-225, just after the president of the legislative body expelled a disruptive protester in

could be as soon as June. "We believe that the first weddings will be beautiful and that they'll bring a breeze of joy, and that

said. Earlier in the day, there appeared to be more police than protesters outside the Parliament building on

midnight, when the violence began among a few hundred demonstrators including some who carried signs saying "Socialist dictatorship."

Claire Baron, 41, a mother of two, said that she "will oppose the bill until the end."

"I'll keep going to the protests, I don't give in. The bill is not effective yet, the president of the Republic must listen to our voices. We are here to defend family values. Children need a mom and a dad," Baron said.

In recent weeks, violent attacks against gay couples have spiked and some legislators have received threats — including Claude Bartelone, the Assembly president, who got a gun-powder-filled envelope on Monday.

One of the biggest protests against same-sex marriage drew together hundreds of thousands of people bused in from the French provinces — conservative activists, schoolchildren with their parents, retirees, priests and others. □



Anti gay marriage activists wavs a flag with the logo of the movement on it during a rally to protest against the new law after French lawmakers legalized same-sex marriage, Tuesday, April 23, 2013 (AP Photo/Michel Euler)

pink, the color adopted by French opponents of gay marriage.

Justice Minister Christiane Taubira told lawmakers that the first weddings

those who are opposed to them today will surely be confounded when they are overcome with the happiness of the newlyweds and the families," she

Paris' Left Bank, but that calculation soon shifted as night fell and thousands gathered to protest the bill. The protest dwindled to a few stalwarts shortly before

Italy:

Napolitano seeks end to political paralysis

ROME (AP) — President Giorgio Napolitano opened his unprecedented second term with around-the-clock consultations Tuesday aimed at finding a candidate to form a new government and end the political paralysis following inconclusive February elections. Napolitano met with leaders of both chambers and representatives of Italy's major parties to sound them out on a possible premier who could form a government and win a mandatory vote of con-

fidence in Parliament. His office said no announcement was expected Tuesday.

Napolitano, 87, has urged parties to quickly agree on a new government, chastising them for treating the notion of a political alliance as a "horror" and urging them to face the reality that no party in Feb. 24-25 elections won control of both houses.

The caretaker government of Mario Monti remains in place until a new government is formed.

The center-left Democratic

Party, which controls the lower house but not the Senate, had refused to consider an alliance with former Premier Silvio Berlusconi, and failed to persuade the anti-establishment movement of comic-turned-political leader Beppe Grillo to join forces. On Tuesday, the Democratic leader Pier Luigi Bersani confirmed his resignation. He was badly discredited after failing to form a government in the aftermath of the elections, and then after his deeply divided party imploded during the process to elect a head of state. Parliament and regional leaders eventually voted Napolitano back into office.

The Democratic Party's deputy chief, Enrico Letta, headed the delegation during Tuesday's talks and said the party was "available and eager" to try to form a government. □



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Car bomb at French Embassy in Libya wounds 3

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TRIPOLI, Libya (AP) — A car bomb exploded Tuesday outside the French Embassy in Tripoli, wounding three people and partially setting the building on fire in the worst attack on a diplomatic mission in the North African nation since the U.S. ambassador was killed last year.

The attack in the heart of the capital put new pressure on the Libya's new leaders to rein in the lawlessness that has gripped the country since 2011, when rebels ousted Moammar Gadhafi in a civil war and then refused to lay down their arms.

No group claimed responsibility for the attack, but suspicion fell on the militias and the extremists in their ranks that are fighting the central government in Tripoli for control.

Some Libyans blamed Islamic militants seeking to avenge France's military intervention in Mali to dislodge al-Qaida-linked forces from the northern

part of the West African country.

The motive for the attack was not immediately clear. On its official website, the Libyan government denounced such attacks, which it said are "directly targeting Libya's security and stability."

French President Francois Hollande called the bombing an assault on all countries engaged in the fight against terrorism.

"France expects the Libyan authorities to shed the fullest light on this unacceptable act, so that the perpetrators are identified and brought to justice," Hollande said in a statement from Paris.

The Obama administration also condemned the violence, with State Department spokesman Patrick Ventrell calling it "a direct attack on all Libyans who fought a revolution in order to enjoy a democratic future with security and prosperity."

"We look to the Libyan government to continue its efforts to strengthen security across Libya and to



Security personnel and journalists inspect the site of a car bomb that targeted the French embassy wounding two French guards and causing extensive material damage in Tripoli, Libya, Tuesday, April 23, 2013. The explosives-laden car was detonated just outside the embassy building in Tripoli's upscale al-Andalus neighborhood, officials said. (AP Photo/Abdul Majeed Forjani)

bring the perpetrators of this crime to justice," he said.

Tuesday's bombing was the first in Tripoli, which has been relatively quiet. However, the eastern city of Benghazi saw a rise in violence last year, including the Sept. 11 attack by militants on the U.S. diplomatic mission that killed U.S. Ambassador Chris Stevens and three other Americans.

The explosives-laden car was detonated just outside the French Embassy in Tripoli's upscale al-Andalus neighborhood early in the morning, before any of its staff arrived, according to two Libyan security officials.

"I heard a loud boom, and immediately after that, windows were shattered and parts of my house were damaged," said Saqr al-Qarifi, whose home is adjacent to the embassy. The blast wounded two French guards and ignited a fire at the embassy entrance that engulfed some of the offices inside, the officials said. □

Top legal adviser to Egypt's president Morsi resigns

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CAIRO (AP) — The legal adviser of Egypt's Islamist President Mohammed Morsi resigned Tuesday, alleging that the Muslim Brotherhood has monopolized decision-making and encroached on the governing of the country.

The resignation letter by Mohammed Fouad Gadallah brought the harshest criticism yet from inside the presidency. Opponents of Morsi have long accused the Brotherhood of being the real power behind the president and say the group's attempts to domi-

nate power have fueled the country's turmoil.

Morsi, who hails from the Brotherhood, denied in a TV interview earlier this week that the group intervenes in decision-making. The resignation comes amid a mounting dispute between Morsi's Islamist supporters and the judiciary, which is the sole branch of government not dominated by Islamists.

Brotherhood officials and other Islamists accuse backers of the regime of ousted autocrat Hosni Mubarak in the courts of blocking the country's transition to democracy

and are discussing a law they say will ensure the judiciary's independence. But opponents fear they aim to take over the courts and purge secular-minded judges to consolidate Brotherhood power.

Two days earlier, Justice Minister Ahmed Mekki, an Islamist supporter, submitted his resignation, complaining that Morsi supporters were "trampling" on the judiciary. He too criticized the president's handling of the dispute with the judiciary and failure to reach out to critics. The opposition and judges threatened to escalate their fight against

the new legislation, while Morsi said he doesn't accept any encroachment on the judiciary. Gadallah, who is not a member of the Muslim Brotherhood, served as Morsi's legal adviser since July. Presidential spokesman Ihab Fahmy confirmed that the resignation was submitted and said it was under review. He offered no other details. An email to the presidency seeking further comment was not answered.

In his three-page resignation letter, Gadallah said he wanted to shed light "on the extent of the danger facing the country,"

at a time when "personal interests are overwhelming national interests." He said there is "no clear vision" in running state affairs and that "a single (political) current" monopolizes decision-making, excluding experts and the opposition. He also pointed to the current dispute over the courts, complaining of attempts to "assassinate the judiciary." He said he had long been concerned over "the slowness of decision-making and monopolization by the Brotherhood and its encroachment on the president and governing." □

Venezuela:

Government accused of targeting disaffected ex-supporters

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TACARIGUA, Venezuela (AP)—The razor-close vote to replace late Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez has sparked what opposi-

support for the ruling party. The April 14 election had revealed a major shift in public support away from the Chavez program as problems such as food shortages, soaring inflation and crime, as well as the

ominous start for successor Nicolas Maduro's government, which is struggling to write the second chapter of the country's socialist transformation amid deepening economic problems and widening divisions in

among government employees. On top of that, the human rights wing of the coalition opposition headed by Gov. Henrique Capriles says it has received more than 300 complaints of people being fired from government jobs on suspicion of having voted for leading opposition presidential candidate Capriles, who lost to Maduro by only 1.8 percentage points in official results. Another 1,000 or so public workers have complained about intimidation from supervisors and threats of punishment for supporting the opposition, the opposition's rights office said. Government officials did not respond to requests from The Associated Press for comment on the allegations, but some have told Venezuelan media that the charges are pure invention by the opposition and media outlets that back it.

Those denials, however, conflict with a video posted on YouTube Saturday showing Housing Minister Ricardo Molina meeting with apparent co-workers and demanding complete

political loyalty despite a legal prohibition against sanctioning workers for their political beliefs.

"What the labor laws say doesn't matter to me at all," Molina exhorts, his voice soaring. "Zero tolerance. I don't accept that anyone bad-mouths the revolution, that anyone bad-mouths Nicolas."

He added: "They need to quit. Because if they don't quit I personally will fire them."

It was unclear whether the video was taken surreptitiously, but the person who posted it did not respond to an AP request via YouTube seeking comment. Molina's spokeswoman said Monday that his office would provide an official statement on the matter, but then did not, and did not answer repeated phone calls.

Stepped-up loyalty tests point to a government badly shaken by the close election results and desperate to consolidate its once mighty support.

The ailing Chavez won by 11 percentage points in his final election last October, in which he handily defeated Capriles.

Just six months later, Maduro won by less than 2 percentage points against the same candidate, despite polls conducted shortly after Chavez's death showing Maduro with a double-digit lead. Meanwhile, Capriles added 711,344 votes to his total between the two elections.

Capriles claims Maduro only won through voter intimidation and fraud.

The government has agreed to audit the 46 percent of the vote that wasn't hand-checked on election night, but officials have said there is no chance the final result will be affected.

A dozen voters interviewed across the country repeated the same explanation for their first opposition vote: anger at food shortages, electrical blackouts, government corruption and inefficiency and a personal dislike for Maduro. □



Miguel Marcano, a private electricity worker, stands behind a fence at his home in Valencia, Venezuela. A dozen voters interviewed across the country, including Marcano, repeated similar explanations for their first opposition vote: anger at food shortages, electrical blackouts, government corruption and inefficiency and a personal dislike for the ruling party presidential candidate Nicolas Maduro.

(AP Photo/Michael Weissenstein)

tion leaders and human rights groups say is a government crackdown on public employees who either didn't back Chavez's hand-picked successor or failed to show sufficient

absence of the late leader's famous charm, led hundreds of thousands of Venezuelans to back the opposition for the first time since Chavez took power 14 years ago. It was an

a bureaucracy and public that once solidly backed Chavez.

Several high-ranking government officials have openly discussed punishing political disloyalty

UN lowers 2013 Latin America growth forecast

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SANTIAGO, Chile (AP)—The economy of Latin America and the Caribbean is expected to grow by 3.5 percent this year, less than previously forecast, because of uncertainty about the future of the world economy and slower growth in developed nations, the United Nations said on Tuesday. The region's growth estimate was also lowered from an earlier 3.8 percent view because of "a recovery that has been less dynamic than expected" in Argentina and Brazil, said the UN's Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean. Growth in the two South American powerhouses is still expected to help the region's expansion, with a

projected 3.5 percent for Argentina and 3 percent in Brazil on the back of improved agricultural activity and investment, the report added.

The UN agency known as ECLAC said the regional expansion will be backed by consumer growth as a result of better labor indicators, the rise of banking credit and investment.

"On top of this, there are high prices for commodities. Although they're expected to be lower compared to 2012, they will be kept at high levels," the Santiago-based agency said in a statement.

Brazil is a top producer of soft commodities like orange juice and coffee, the world's biggest beef exporter and the No.2 producer and exporter of soybeans. Argentina is a glob-

al top exporter of soy meal and soy oil and the No. 3 exporter of the bean.

"South American countries, which generally are more specialized in the production and export of commodities, will grow on average 3.5 percent in 2013 thanks to the preservation of growth in Asian economies," ECLAC said.

"This will bring positive economic outcomes both for the level of income as well as exporting activities."

Growth in the export-dependent region will be led by Paraguay.

The world's No. 4 soy exporter is seen expanding by 10 percent, followed by Panama's 8 percent and Peru and Haiti's 6 percent growth this year. Chile, Bolivia and Nicaragua will expand by 5 percent. Colombia will clock 4.5 per-

cent growth and Uruguay will grow by 3.8 percent, ECLAC said.

Mexico, Central America and the Caribbean, will benefit from "more dynamism in the United States. A stronger agricultural sector will benefit Cuba, Nicaragua and Dominican Republic, while improvements in construction sector will lift Guatemala, Honduras and Haiti.

"In the Caribbean the acceleration in the growth rhythm will continue with a rise of 2 percent as a result of dynamism in economies specialized in the production and export of raw materials, mainly Guyana and Suriname," ECLAC said. Growth also will be boosted in tourism-dependent Caribbean nations with an improved economic outlook in the United States. □

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Japan war shrine visits anger China, South Korea

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TOKYO (AP) — Dozens of Japanese lawmakers paid homage at a national war shrine Tuesday morning, risking more anger from neighbors South Korea and China over visits they see as failures to acknowledge

and South Korea lodged protests. Yasukuni's compound has a war museum that glorifies Japan's wartime past. The site is a focus of nationalist pride among Japanese conservatives and right-wingers. Visits to the shrine by Jap-

shrine himself. Former Prime Minister Taro Aso, who is now finance minister, and two other Cabinet ministers prayed at the shrine over the weekend. "My understanding is that the three ministers paid visits to the shrine in their private capacity," Suga

"deep concern and regret" over the actions by Abe and the other Cabinet members, calling Yasukuni a place that "glorifies Japan's wars of aggression that caused huge losses and pain to the peoples of neighboring countries." South Korea "once again strongly urges the Japanese government to immediately stop its retrograde behavior which ignores history" and take measures to restore confidence among neighboring countries, spokesman Cho Tai-young told reporters. China's Foreign Ministry said it lodged a diplomatic protest over the "negative moves." Spokeswoman

Hua Chunying said in Beijing that how Tokyo treats Yasukuni Shrine is a test of Japan's ability to respect people in the countries it attacked. "People of the whole world, including the Chinese people, are watching them. There is a mountain of iron-hard evidence for the crimes committed by Japanese invaders during the Second World War. Only by facing up to and deeply reflecting on the history of aggression can Japan possibly create a future and develop friendly and cooperative relations with the people of Asia," Hua said at a daily news briefing. □



A group of Japanese lawmakers leave after they offered prayers at the Yasukuni Shrine in Tokyo during an annual spring festival on Tuesday, April 23, 2013. Dozens of Japanese lawmakers paid homage at the national war shrine Tuesday morning, risking more anger from neighbors South Korea and China over visits they see as failures to acknowledge Japan's militaristic past. The sign reads "Reception for lawmakers who support Yasukuni Shrine visit."

(AP Photo/Kyodo News)

Japan's militaristic past. The lawmakers from various parties were seen making offerings to mark the spring festival at Yasukuni Shrine, which honors Japan's war dead, including World War II leaders convicted of war crimes. Japanese media said 168 lawmakers paid the visits, which follow donations to the shrine by the prime minister and visits by three Cabinet ministers over the weekend. The government said those visits were made in an unofficial capacity, but China

anese politicians are routinely criticized by China, South Korea and North Korea, which bore the brunt of Japan's pre-1945 militarist expansion through Asia. Critics regard the visits as evidence Japan's leaders do not acknowledge their country's responsibility for its militarist past. Top government spokesman Yoshihide Suga said Prime Minister Shinzo Abe donated religious ornaments with "prime minister" written on them to mark Yasukuni Shrine's spring festival, but didn't visit the

told a news conference Monday. "There is no government comment on their shrine visits as private citizens." But at least one Cabinet minister, National Public Safety Commission chief Keiji Furuya, told reporters that he prayed as a state minister during his weekend visit. "As a national lawmaker, it is only natural to offer prayers to the sacred spirits who sacrificed their lives for the country," Furuya said. In Seoul, a Foreign Ministry spokesman expressed

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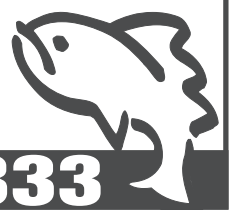


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Amnesty criticizes Haiti over camp evictions

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PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) —

Haiti has violated international human rights obligations by failing to protect people who have been forced to leave the impromptu settlements that sprang up in the Caribbean nation after the 2010 earthquake, a global advocacy group said Tuesday.

A report by Amnesty International said it found that thousands of displaced people have been evicted from public spaces and private properties. People kicked out of settlements find themselves "further marginalized and driven deeper into poverty," it said. The government of President Michel Martelly

thing the government endorsed.

"We don't believe in forced evictions," Lamothe said by telephone. "There are some private owners that do it, but the government itself does not condone that."

Lamothe cited a government-led effort that pays rental subsidies to camp residents. He said it has "relocated over 1.2 million people and has respected their lives and in a peaceful matter. Our policy is respecting their lives and relocating them in a peaceful manner."

The post-quake encampments became symbolic of the widespread devastation caused by the January 2010 earthquake, which toppled thousands

living in makeshift camps, face forced eviction by private landowners or the authorities, the study said.

"Homelessness is the most immediate consequence of forced eviction," it said. "For those living in Haiti's makeshift camps and already coping with displacement, it signals the start of yet another phase of uncertainty, disruption and distress."

Like Lamothe, Martelly has said he opposes evictions but they've continued anyway. Residents of settlements and housing advocates have accused city officials and police officers of violently dismantling the tarp-like structures and evicting people.

Amnesty last week called for an investigation into



A young girl jumps rope inside the Jean-Marie Vincent camp for people displaced by the 2010 earthquake in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, Monday, April 22, 2013. (AP Photo/Dieu Nalio Chery)

has condoned the evictions led by mayors, police officers and others, the report charged.

"They are tolerated by the state and carried out in total impunity by state agents and private individuals or groups (non-state actors) alike," it said.

Amnesty said it wrote to Martelly, the prime minister and mayors of two cities that have seen evictions in an effort to arrange meetings with them, but the requests were declined or went unanswered.

Haitian Prime Minister Laurent Lamothe told The Associated Press Monday night that there were "some" landowners who were responsible for forced evictions but it was not some-

of buildings and killed more than 300,000 people. The number of people still living in camps has become a barometer of the success or failure of how to house Haitians, though it's unclear what happens to most people after they leave the formal camps.

Amnesty said its study documents a pattern of forced evictions of families left homeless by the quake.

This has involved mass removals without notice, it said. Amnesty said forced evictions violate the rights of displaced people at all stages: threats prior to an eviction, violence during eviction and homelessness afterward.

More than 20,000 families, about a fifth of those still

the alleged police beating of a Haitian man who was protesting an arson attack in a camp under the threat of eviction.

The International Organization of Migration reported last week that 6 percent of the estimated 27,230 Haitians who have left camps this year came as the result of evictions. It didn't give a reason for the evictions, but some landlords and city officials have kicked people off public and private property to reclaim the land.

That group's report said 320,050 people remain in the settlements. This marks a 79 percent drop since the number of people living in the tent camps peaked at 1.5 million. □

China: 7 Christian preachers get prison

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BEIJING_Chinese authorities have sentenced to prison seven underground church leaders who were arrested last April and charged with belonging to an illegal cult, according to a U.S. Christian rights group. The preachers, who officiated illegal Pentecostal congregations in China's central Henan province, were given terms ranging from three years to 7 1/2 years, according to court documents released by ChinaAid, an organization based in Texas.

The verdicts were issued by the Ye County People's Court on April 1 but lawyers for the four women and three men said they were not notified about the court's decision until last week.

Although the Chinese government frequently harasses members of unauthorized Christian congregations, Bob Fu, president

of ChinaAid, said the sentences were the longest in more than a decade. "Such a heavy punishment for peaceful church leaders is very worrisome," he said in an interview.

In a separate incident in Henan, public security agents detained an American pastor and two Hong Kong residents who were conducting an unauthorized, three-day religious gathering in the city of Nanyang, Fu said. The American pastor, Dennis Balcombe, is the leader of Revival Chinese Ministries International, a Hong Kong congregation he founded four decades ago.

Fu said the three were reportedly released but their whereabouts remained a mystery. Public security officials in Nanyang could not be reached for comment Monday evening. A spokesman for the U.S. Embassy in Beijing declined to comment on Balcombe's detention. □

India:

China accused of border breach

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Associated Press

NEW DELHI (AP) —

India has accused Chinese soldiers of launching an incursion far into Indian territory, in the latest flare-up of tension between the two Asian giants over their de facto boundary in the Himalayas.

Chinese troops entered 10 kilometers (six miles) into Indian territory on April 15 and pitched tents in the Depsang valley in the Ladakh region of eastern Kashmir, an Indian official said Tuesday.

Indian army commanders have met at least two times with their Chinese counterparts, but Chinese troops remain in Indian-claimed territory, said Tsering Angchuk, a civil administrator in Ladakh.

"They have not vacated the position so far," he said. China dismissed reports of an incursion as Indian media speculation and said the border region has been peaceful.

"The two parties have maintained good communication and coordination on the border issue," Chinese Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Hua Chunying said Tuesday.

A day earlier, Hua said Chinese troops had "patrolled the border line and did not go one step across the Line of Actual Control," the unofficial boundary between the two countries.

India says Chinese troops have repeatedly crossed the boundary in recent years, leaving trash with Chinese markings as evidence of their presence. However, Indian officials said the new incursion was far deeper into Indian-claimed territory than before. Indian Foreign Secretary Ranjan Mathai filed a protest over the incursion with the Chinese ambassador last week, an External Affairs Ministry official said on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak to the media about the sensitive subject. □



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Gorgeous wedding for Carolina Alcalá & Luis Casa

Palm Beach – A Venezuelan couple, from Maracaibo, enjoyed all-white, elaborate wedding festivities in Aruba, at the Divi Aruba Phoenix Beach Resort, as they hosted a series of well-orchestrated events, on Pure Ocean's beach and restaurant, this weekend. The couple's wedding vows were exchanged in front of more than 100 invited family members and friends to live steel pan music. The traditional blessings were followed by a cocktail reception at the resort's Sunset plaza, featuring bottomless Mimosas and an open super-premium bar. The delicious butler passed party hors d'oeuvres included jumbo shrimp, smoked salmon canapés, ceviche shooters, prosciutto ham with melon, bacon-wrapped plantain, and cream cheese & caviar bites. The sumptuous dinner at the end of the cocktail hour offered a rich and varied salad bar, marinated and grilled flank steak, fresh mahi mahi in white wine sauce, coconut chicken breast with mango chutney, Caribbean rice, fried plantain, and assorted delectable desserts.



Guests savored their food and danced the night away with the local Tsunami band and DJ Jesse of Swing masters, also applauding the late-night soup station served to revelers in the wee-hours. The impeccable décor and festive linens by Mosaic and the lovely flower arrangements by Koolman's flower shop, made the total event a truly spectacular experience of a lifetime.



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ORANJESTAD - As part of American International Group, Inc. (AIG) Volunteer Week, April 21 - 27, thousands of AIG employees worldwide, including AIG employees in Aruba, are doing volunteer activities in communities worldwide where the company

has a business presence. "As part of AIG volunteer week, AIG Aruba did partnering with Sonrisa Aktion Club to organize an afternoon of organized activities - arts and crafts and popular games - for the children of Imeldahof Children's Home and Sonrisa," said Prakash Gupta, AIG - Aruba country manager. "Our entire staff participated in the volunteer event." As part of the half day of

activities, AIG volunteers worked with the children on the theme of "Mother Earth" concluding with each child planting a seed to grow a plant. Mr. Gupta also thanks Mr. Frans Wolf for arranging the bus and M/s Playa Trading for donating the juices for this activity. Mr. Gupta stated that, "Aruba AIG is delighted to support the efforts of Imeldahof and Sonrisa Aktion Club. Every effort



that we can do to improve the lives of our future generation is a step in the right direction." He closed by

saying, "our company is committed to giving back to the communities where we live and work." □



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Amazonia Churrascaria delights Randell on his birthday

PALM BEACH – Randell Geerman, celebrated his 30th birthday in the company of colleagues and friends, all working at Manrique Capriles & Sons NV, over dinner at Amazonia Churrascaria. Randell who says 30 is the new 20, invited family members for a dinner party at the restaurant last week, and his colleagues this week, as he was determined to celebrate his life's milestone in great style. The restaurant surprised patrons coming for dinner



this week with refreshed salad bar offerings this week. Forever on the quest for updates, Amazonia Churrascaria's executive chef Victor Olivares just recently introduced new salad bar items, designed to complement the authentic Brazilian concept of Rodizio Steakhouse. The extensive salad bar presentation, he explains, is regularly enhanced with new offerings and this week saw the arrival of a delicious Mango Salad, a fresh Seafood Ceviche and a Seafood Soup. Offering continuous dining, Amazonia Churrascaria features a parade of gauchos, slicing more than 15 cuts of grilled beef, chicken, lamb, pork & sausage, as well as grilled pineapple. Some of the chef's favorite recipes include Parmesan Pork, Filet Mignon Wrapped in Bacon, Leg of Lamb, BBQ Chicken Wings, Brazilian Picanha -- a house specialty, Skirt Steak, Baby



Back Ribs marinated in sugar cane and Short Beef Ribs, slow roasted over open flame, in the restaurant's signature style. The extravagant forty-item, frequently changing seasonal salad bar where pa-

trons can keep sampling, the parade of carvers carrying meats on giant skewers, the carving station, and the delicious array of tasty sides, guarantee an unforgettable evening where diners from around

the globe enjoy the Amazonia Churrascaria culinary adventure, combined with the restaurant's extensive award-winning Wine Spectator wine list, well stocked bar and terrific selection of Cuban cigars. □

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CASINO AND SHOPS

At Caribbean Queen: Artist Desiree Rep-Sporkslede creates treasures from trash

PALM BEACH – The Caribbean Queen store at the Palm Beach Plaza Mall introduced its Caribbean Queen for the month of April just recently. She is a multi-faceted Visual Artist, Art Professor, Marketing Manager, and the Director of Aruba Art au Plateau Foundation, Desiree Rep-Sporkslede.

Desiree was inspired by Earth Day and the need to instill awareness and appreciation of the earth's environment, consequently, April's Caribbean Queen speaks a "green language," wishing to teach it to the rest of the world.

For her unique show she



the materials she ferreted away, recycling them and creating new objects, now

jewelry-pieces made of old porcelain electric sockets and handblown beads. Titled Action for Figures, they combine recycled elements and new hand-made beads from Terrafuse, a local ceramic workshop. Desiree's Action for Figures incorporate traditional fuses retired from the power plant and familiar elements in porcelain, glass and stainless steel, held together by durable, taupe parachute cord.



I was thinking about Joe Cocker and Unchain my Hear as I was making these, Desiree muses, music inspires my creativity including Guess Who by BB King and the ever-so-powerful, Come on baby light my fire, by The Doors. The ornaments resulting from this tsunami of creativity are unique, and boast an added cute finish in the back of the neck, some are even embellished

with a red rainforest good-luck seed from Surinam, a country which Desiree traces her roots to. Some other showstoppers explore the humor in the insanity of women, when it comes to bags, shoes, luxury brand names, and the craze of totting a small dog as an accessory. In her pieces Barbie Bag and Black Clog, she presents her own view on the fads and trends that drive the



gathered all unwanted and discarded items from her household, and used



on display at the store. Some of the items on display are retro recycled



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Additionally her RED recycled plastic toy assemblage, available in green, yellow and blue, are all gift sized, ready to be packed and travelled with. They provide Desiree's commentary on our cluttered lifestyle, filled with items we don't really need! With dozens of exhibitions and art projects to her credit in Aruba, Curaçao, and the Netherlands, Desiree Rep-Sporkslede takes the spotlight again as her collection is featured at Caribbean Queen for the whole month of April. □



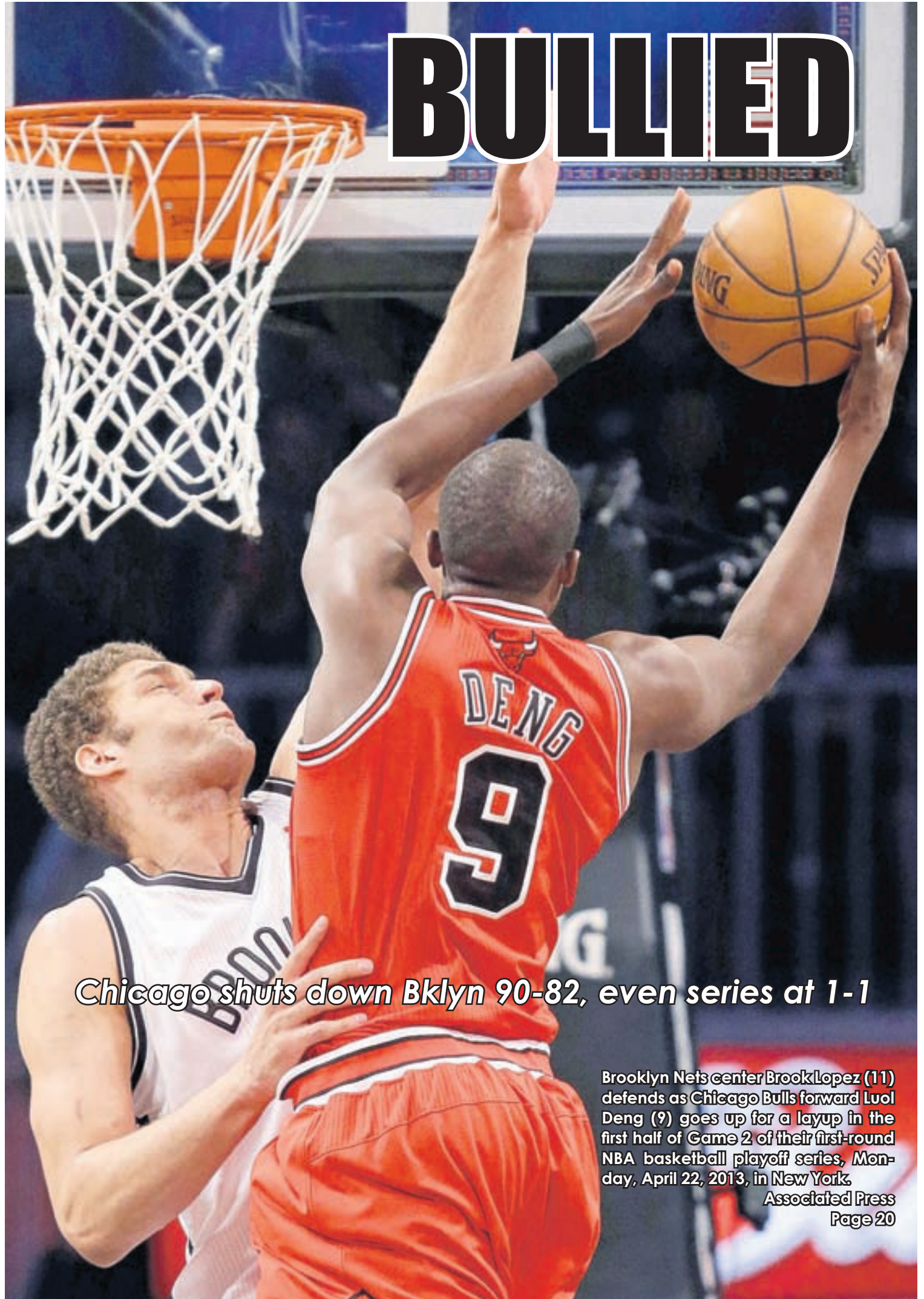
In this Feb. 25, 2013 file photo, SMU defensive lineman Margus Hunt runs a drill during the NFL football scouting combine in Indianapolis. Hunt, of Estonia, could be a first round draft pick in the NFL Draft.
Associated Press

NFL draft could have foreign flavor in 1st round

SCHUYLER DIXON
AP Sports Writer

DALLAS (AP) — Three years ago, Ziggy Ansah didn't even know how to put on shoulder pads. On Thursday, the defensive end from Ghana could be one of the first 10 players selected in the NFL draft. He could be joined by four other foreign-born players as first-round selections, making it the most international-flavored draft in NFL history. None of them, though, made a meteoric rise to prominence the way Ansah did. "It might be somebody like you or I that never cooked a meal in our life and three months later we're the finest chef in the world," said Gil Brandt, former personnel director of the Dallas Cowboys and now an analyst for NFL.com and SiriusXM Radio.

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Chicago shuts down Bklyn 90-82, even series at 1-1

Brooklyn Nets center Brook Lopez (11) defends as Chicago Bulls forward Luol Deng (9) goes up for a layup in the first half of Game 2 of their first-round NBA basketball playoff series, Monday, April 22, 2013, in New York.

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Bobcats fire coach Dunlap after 1 season



Charlotte Bobcats head coach Mike Dunlap directs his team against the New York Knicks during the second half of an NBA basketball game in Charlotte, N.C., Monday, April 15, 2013. The Bobcats 106-95.

Associated Press

STEVE REED
AP Sports Writer

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — The Charlotte Bobcats of the NBA fired coach Mike Dunlap after just one season. The Bobcats went 21-61 under Dunlap, finishing with the second-worst record in the NBA ahead of only the Orlando Magic. Charlotte won just seven games in the strike-shortened 2011-12 season but more wins weren't enough to save Dunlap's job. Dunlap was hired last sum-

mer after working as an assistant coach at St. John's University. The move means the Bobcats will have a third head coach in as many seasons as owner and former Chicago Bulls superstar Michael Jordan continues to look for what he feels is the right person for the job. Dunlap replaced Paul Silas, who was fired after the Bobcats went 7-59 in 2011-12, the worst winning percentage in NBA history (.106). □



In this Feb. 25, 2013 file photo, Brigham Young defensive lineman Ziggy Ansah runs a drill at the NFL football scouting combine in Indianapolis. The Ghana-born defensive end has a good story, but there's a chance he won't be the only foreigner gone by the 32nd pick.

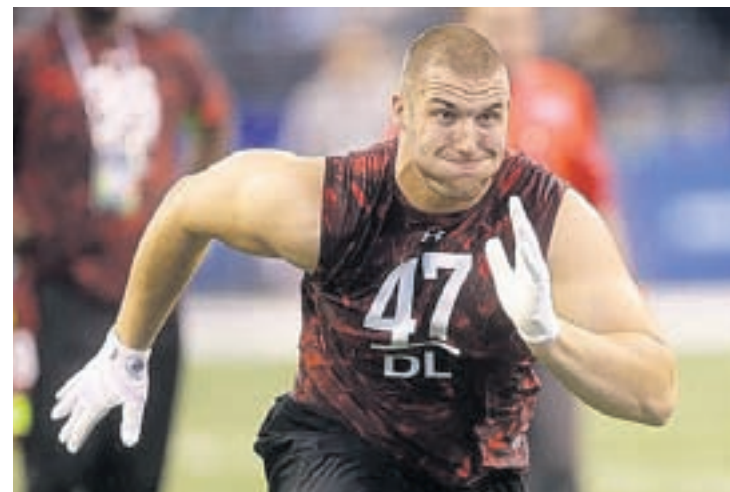
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"It's like a guy that never typed in his life and two days later he was typing 200 words a minute. It's just an absolutely unexplainable thing." Ansah could be accompanied by two other defensive ends from abroad as first-rounders: Florida State's Bjoern Werner (Germany) and Southern Methodist University's Margus Hunt (Estonia). Unlike Ansah, they had the attention of NFL scouts before the 2012 season — Werner because he followed a more traditional path by starting at age 12 in his home country, and Hunt because he quickly developed a knack for blocking kicks. Werner's college team-

NFL draft

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mate, offensive tackle Menelik Watson of England, is the fourth player who could get first-round consideration, and Alabama defensive tackle Jesse Williams from Australia.



In this Feb. 25, 2013 file photo, Florida State defensive lineman Bjoern Werner runs a drill during the NFL football scouting combine in Indianapolis. Werner, of Germany, could be a first round pick in the NFL Draft.

Associated Press

lia also is a possibility. Is this a one-shot deal, or are there more foreign-born players ready to become top picks in future NFL drafts? "I think it's just the beginning to be honest," said Tommy Wiking, president of the International Federation of American Football. "You're going to see lots more foreign players going in the first round. There's a lot of talent out there in the world. It's just for the Americans to find it." Ansah, whose first name is Ezekiel, went to Brigham Young University on an academic scholarship in 2008. Twice he tried and failed to make the basketball team. He showed some speed after joining the athletics team and decided to give American football a try. After two unremarkable years, a breakthrough came last September against Boise State when he had eight tackles and a sack. He led the team in tackles for loss and was second in sacks over the final nine games. Now, the 6-foot-5, 271-pound (1.96-meter, 123-kilo) player is listed in the top 10 potential picks on the NFL's website. "It's not unusual for a guy who's not a football player to get drafted in the sev-

enth round or so," said Brandt. "But to have a guy drafted that high is really just totally unbelievable." Werner, like many European youths, played football. Then he discovered American football and is the current model for foreigners looking for a shot at the NFL. He played on club

teams in Germany and attended school in Connecticut, which led to traditional college recruiting and a scholarship to Florida State. Now, the 6-3, 266-pound (1.91-meter, 121-kilo) player's resume reads a lot like the U.S.-born players on the draft board. He started his final 27 games for Florida State and had 23½ sacks, fourth best in school history. One of the names in front of him is Peter Boulware, the fourth overall pick by Baltimore in 1997. "I improved every year at Florida State," said Werner, who will have family members attending the draft on their first visit to the United States. "I just loved taking coaching, and I tried to get better every year. The NFL's going to be the same way. I'm going to try to improve more and more." Hunt didn't come to the U.S. to play on a gridiron. He was a standout in the discus and shot put as a youth in Estonia — winning the 2006 world junior championships in Beijing in both events. He decided to train under former SMU athletics coach Dave Wollman, who worked with Estonian Aleksander Tammert, an Olympic bronze medalist in the discus in 2004. □

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Napoli has slam as Red Sox beat Athletics

The Associated Press

BOSTON (AP) — Mike Napoli hit a grand slam and drove in five runs, Will Middlebrooks busted out of a slump with a three-run homer as the Boston Red Sox rebounded from a doubleheader sweep by beating the Oakland Athletics 9-6 on Monday.

The Red Sox, swept by Kansas City Sunday, scored three runs in the fourth and five in the fifth. Napoli's fourth career slam keyed the five-run fifth and helped end Oakland's eight-game winning streak against Boston.

The Athletics dropped their season-high fourth straight. Felix Doubront (2-0) allowed three runs on three hits, walking five. He also threw two wild pitches and struck out eight in 6 2-3 innings.

A.J. Griffin (2-1) was tagged for a career-worst nine runs — seven earned — and eight hits in four-plus innings.

RANGERS 7, ANGELS 6

ANAHEIM, California (AP) — A.J. Pierzynski hit a tie-breaking homer with two outs in the ninth inning, and Texas rallied from a late three-run deficit for a 7-6 win over the Angels.

Mitch Moreland had three hits and drove in a run for the Rangers, who also got three hits from Elvis Andrus in their fourth consecutive victory, snapping the Angels' three-game winning streak.

Chris Iannetta doubled in the go-ahead run and Luis Jimenez got his first career RBIs on a two-run single while the Angels took a 6-3 lead in the sixth inning, but Texas tied it with three runs in the seventh.

Pierzynski then hit his fourth homer of the season to right off Angels closer Ernesto Frieri (0-1).

Tanner Scheppers (2-0) pitched two innings of one-

hit relief for the Rangers, and Joe Nathan worked the ninth for his sixth save.

Josh Hamilton had four hits against his former team after getting bumped out of the cleanup spot.

ORIOLES 2, BLUE JAYS 1

BALTIMORE (AP) — Nick Markakis singled home the winning run with two outs in the bottom of the ninth inning, giving the Orioles a victory over the Blue Jays.

Toronto reliever Aaron Loup (1-2) began the ninth by hitting Chris Davis with a pitch. After a sacrifice bunt, Steve Pearce popped out and Nolan Reimold received an intentional walk before Alexi Casilla reached on a throwing error by shortstop Munenori Kawasaki that loaded the bases.

Markakis then sliced an 0-2 pitch to the opposite field near the left-field line.

Jim Johnson (1-1) worked a perfect ninth for the Orioles, now 5-2 on a nine-game homestand that ends Wednesday.

RAYS 5, YANKEES 1

ST. PETERSBURG, Florida (AP) — Matt Moore became the first Rays pitcher to win his first four starts of a season, Ryan Roberts homered twice and Tampa Bay beat CC Sabathia and the Yankees.

Moore (4-0) allowed one run, two hits, three walks and had nine strikeouts over eight innings. Roberts connected in the first and third to help the Rays take an early 5-0 lead.

Yankees infielder Kevin Youkilis, who left Saturday's game at Toronto with lower back stiffness, was a late scratch Monday after the back tightened up following batting practice.

Sabathia (3-2) had a three-game winning streak end. The left-hander gave up five runs and seven hits over seven innings.

INDIANS 3, WHITE SOX 2



Boston Red Sox's Mike Napoli celebrates his grand slam against the Oakland Athletics during the fifth inning of a baseball game at Fenway Park in Boston on Monday, April 22, 2013.

Associated Press

CHICAGO (AP) — Asdrubal Cabrera hit a clutch two-run single in his return to the lineup and the Indians used a throwing error by

reliever Matt Thornton to rally for a victory over the White Sox.

Justin Masterson (4-1) pitched seven effective

innings to help the Indians win their third straight. They have won three of four this season against the White Sox. □

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Pacers' Paul George wins NBA's Most Improved Award



Indiana Pacers' Paul George speaks during a news conference Tuesday, April 23, 2013, in Indianapolis. George has been honored as the NBA's Most Improved Player.

MICHAEL MAROT
AP Sports Writer

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Indiana forward Paul George was honored Tuesday as the NBA's Most Improved Player.

The announcement came less than a week after the 6-foot-9 forward finished his breakthrough regular season and less than 48 hours after he became only the

second player in franchise history to record a triple double in the NBA playoffs. He had 23 points, 11 rebounds and 12 assists in the Pacers' 107-90 Game 1 win over Atlanta — giving the Pacers their first 1-0 series lead since 2006. Game 2 is Wednesday night in Indy.

George won in a runaway. He received 52 first-place

votes and 311 points — more than double the point total for runner-up Greivis Vasquez of New Orleans. Vasquez had 13 first-place votes and 146 points. Milwaukee's Larry Sanders was third with 10 first-place votes and 141 points.

George averaged 17.4 points and 7.6 rebounds this season, both career highs.

Associated Press

He averaged 12.1 points and 5.6 rebounds in 2011-12. He's the fourth player in franchise history to win the award, joining Jalen Rose, Jermaine O'Neal and Danny Granger.

It was no fluke.

George has shown steady improvement over each of his first three seasons in the league, going from a part-time starter in 2010-11 to a full-time starter and secondary scoring option in 2011-12. He emerged as the Pacers' top scoring threat and team leader this season after Granger went down with a left knee injury. And he became the Pacers' top defender, too. Granger missed all but five games. So with the Pacers in desperate need of a replacement, George proved a more than capable fill-in for his friend after spending last summer working out with reigning MVP LeBron James as the U.S. team prepared for the Olympics.

George, who made only 19 of 52 shots in last season's Eastern Conference semifinal loss to James and eventual champion Miami, promised to return a different player. He used his

performance in that 4-2 series loss to commit himself to being more aggressive and more reliable, particularly in the playoffs.

Indiana couldn't quibble with the results.

George was selected to his first All-Star game in February, and never let down. He helped Indiana clinch its first Central Division title in nine years and played only 250 fewer minutes during the 2012-13 regular season than he did in the previous two seasons combined.

The only blip came late when George acknowledged he was tired and trying to recover from an abdominal strain.

But after taking three full days off and going a full week between games, the forward returned to form against the Hawks. Despite shooting just 3 of 13 from the field Sunday, he made his first 17 free throws to tie Reggie Miller's postseason mark for best free-throw percentage in a single game, then missed his 18th and final attempt.

George and Mark Jackson are the only Pacers to post triple doubles in an NBA playoff game. □

NBA Roundup

Clippers edge Grizzlies 93-91 on Paul's shot

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Chris Paul's running jump shot with a tenth of a second left gave the Los Angeles Clippers a 93-91 victory over Memphis Grizzlies on Monday and a 2-0 lead in their first-round playoff series. Both the Clippers and the Grizzlies stayed on the court while the referees reviewed Paul's last gasp play. It was declared good, leaving Memphis a tick of the clock to inbound the ball but not enough to get off a final shot.

Paul finished with 24 points and nine assists, Blake Griffin added 21 points and eight rebounds and Jamal Crawford scored 15 points.

Paul carried the Clippers over the final 3:46, scoring eight straight points, including a basket that gave them a 91-89 lead with 1:20 to play.

Mike Conley scored a career playoff high 28 points while leading the Grizzlies' fourth-quarter charge that came up just short. He had 10 points in the period, while Darrell Arthur scored five straight to pull Memphis into an 89-all tie.

Luol Deng bounced back from a poor

opener with 15 points and 10 rebounds for the Bulls, who became the first team to win a road game this postseason.

Chicago 90, Brooklyn 82

NEW YORK (AP) — Carlos Boozer had 13 points and 12 rebounds, Joakim Noah played his way through a foot injury to make three fourth-quarter baskets as the Chicago Bulls beat the Brooklyn Nets 90-82 on Monday to level their first-round series at one game each.

Luol Deng bounced back from a poor opener with 15 points and 10 rebounds for the Bulls, who became the first team to win a road game this postseason.

Chicago held the Nets to two baskets in the third quarter to build a big enough lead to hold off a charge in the fourth.

Noah finished with 11 points and 10 rebounds for the Bulls, who host Game 3 on Thursday.

Brook Lopez scored 21 points for the Nets, who shot 35 percent from the field and were just 4 of 21 from 3-point range. Star point guard Deron Williams was 1 of 9, finishing with eight points. □



Los Angeles Clippers forward Blake Griffin (32) drives around Memphis Grizzlies forward Zach Randolph during the first half of Game 2 of a first-round NBA basketball playoff series, Monday, April 22, 2013, in Los Angeles. **Associated Press**

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Canucks clinch Northwest with win over Blackhawks

The Associated Press

VANCOUVER, British Columbia (AP) — Daniel Sedin had a goal and an assist to help the Vancouver Canucks lock up their fifth straight Northwest Division title with a 3-1 victory over the Chicago Blackhawks on Monday.

Jannik Hansen and Zack Kassian also scored for the Canucks, who won their eighth in a row at home and are guaranteed of home-ice advantage in the first round of the playoffs. Henrik Sedin added two assists and Cory Schneider made 24 saves for the Canucks, who have put some distance between themselves and slumping Minnesota in the past few weeks. Daniel Carcillo scored for Chicago, which trailed 1-0 after the first period and 3-0 after the second. Cory Crawford made 29 saves as the NHL-leading Blackhawks made clinching first place overall a bit more difficult with a second straight loss. The Blackhawks are trying to win their first Presidents' Trophy since 1991, when Mike Keenan was coach. Chicago has 73 points with three games remaining, while Pittsburgh has 70 with three games also left on its schedule.

DUCKS 3, OILERS 0

EDMONTON, Alberta (AP) — Viktor Fasth made 24 saves for his fourth shutout of the season and Anaheim beat Edmonton to clinch the Pacific Division title. Ryan Getzlaf, Radek Dvorak and Sami Vatanen scored for the Ducks, who won back-to-back games in Edmonton to win their first division title since 2007 — the year they went on to win the Stanley Cup. The Oilers have lost eight of

their last nine games and seem destined for yet another high draft pick in the offseason.

Anaheim officially eliminated the Oilers from contention Sunday, making them the team with the longest

guins, who have already clinched first place in the Eastern Conference.

Patrick Wiercioch scored and Craig Anderson stopped 21 shots for the Senators, who didn't get any help when Winnipeg

falo.

Ondrej Pavelec stopped 24 shots, including a huge glove save on Thomas Vanek with 5:45 left to preserve the victory. Winnipeg improved 6-0-1 in its past seven and moved within

DETROIT (AP) — Johan Franzen scored twice and Jimmy Howard had 34 saves to help Detroit beat Phoenix for two desperately needed points in the Red Wings' push to make the playoffs.



Vancouver Canucks center Alex Burrows (14) tries to get a shot past Chicago Blackhawks goalie Corey Crawford (50) during third period NHL hockey action at Rogers Arena in Vancouver British Columbia, Monday, April 22, 2013.

Associated Press

active postseason drought at seven consecutive seasons.

PENGUINS 3, SENATORS 1

OTTAWA (AP) — Tomas Vokoun made 34 saves and Dustin Jeffrey had a goal and an assist to lead Pittsburgh to its seventh straight victory with a win over Ottawa.

Jarome Iginla and Tyler Kennedy also scored, and Brenden Morrow had two assists for the Pen-

beat Buffalo 2-1. The Jets now trail the Senators and New York Rangers by just a single point for the final playoff spot in the conference. Both the seventh-place Rangers and eighth-place Senators have a game in hand on Winnipeg.

JETS 2, SABRES 1

BUFFALO, New York (AP) — Antti Miettinen scored with 7:36 left to keep surging Winnipeg in the playoff race with a win over Buf-

a point of the idle New York Rangers, who hold the East's eighth and final playoff spot.

The Jets also crept within a point of Southeast Division-leading Washington, setting up a critical showdown on Tuesday, when Winnipeg travels to play the Capitals.

Aaron Gagnon also scored for Winnipeg, while Vanek scored the lone goal for Buffalo.

RED WINGS 4, COYOTES 0

The Wings moved within a point of eighth-place Columbus in the Western Conference and are hoping to finish the last three games of the regular season strong enough to extend the franchise's postseason streak to 22 years.

Damien Brunner scored late in the first period and Valtteri Filppula had a power-play goal late in the second for Detroit, which had won only one of its previous six games. □

What You Eat



By: Dr Carlos Viana

A famous French connoisseur of good food and drink, Jean Anthelme Brillat-Savarin in 1825 said, "Tell me what you eat and I will tell you what you are". In the 1920s and 30s, the nutritionist Victor Lindlahr, who believed that food controls health, developed the Catabolic Diet. Victor said, "Ninety per cent of the diseases known to man are caused by cheap foodstuffs. You are what you eat." However, most people attribute the phrase "You are what you eat" to Adelle Davis, a leading spokesperson for the organic food movement.

Adelle Davis, was an North American author and a pioneer of nutrition during the mid-20th century. She advocated whole unprocessed foods, criticized food additives, and claimed that dietary supplements and other nutrients play a dominant role in maintaining health, preventing disease, and restoring health after the onset of disease. Interestingly, our Aruban diet 50 years ago was made up of

whole unprocessed foods that did not contain food additives. Unfortunately, modern families worldwide today have been seduced by the convenience and apparent low cost of junk food.

Another nutritional hero of mine, Dr. Weston A. Price, a Cleveland dentist, searching for the causes of dental decay and physical degeneration he observed daily in his dental practice, turned from test tubes and microscopes to study "people with fine teeth". In the 1930's he traveled worldwide. Dr. Price found that beautiful, straight teeth, freedom from decay, athletic bodies, and resistance to disease, and fine characters were typical of people still eating their traditional diets. Dr Price took thousands of pictures showing children, smiling to show their healthy teeth. When he examined children of parents who had adopted the "modern" diets of devitalized processed foods, he found a disturbing contrast. Children whose parents ate processed foods had more narrow faces, crowded teeth and dental arches, both which were more susceptible to dental decay, and Dr Price found these children to have a reduced immunity to disease.

The impact of your food choices not only affects your physical body, but chemical imbalances can affect the brain, causing depression, anxiety, and other problems. When

wrong food, food additives, chemicals and lifestyle put a strain on organs, the spirit can also be affected. How can you have passion when you are exhausted or sick?

The North American Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) states that they are seeing people in the States with diabetes living longer, yet as our modern diets have changed, diabetes has grown to an epidemic. Diabetes and pre-diabetes (insulin resistance) is a costly medical problem. People diagnosed with diabetes have medical expenditures that are about 2.3 times higher than medical expenses for people without diabetes. Diabetes is preventable when doctors are trained how to identify insulin resistance before it becomes Type II diabetes and patients are educated and willing to change.

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Yahoo's email service in China to close in August

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) —

Yahoo's email service in China will close this summer as part of an arrangement worked out with its partner in that country, Alibaba Group.

The service is scheduled to close Aug. 19. Yahoo is recommending users of its free email service in China transfer their accounts to another provider such as Aliyun, an email alternative offered by Alibaba.

Yahoo Inc., based in Sunnyvale, California, has been phasing out of China since 2005 when it turned its website, email and other services over to Alibaba. As part of that deal, Yahoo paid \$1 billion for a 40 percent stake in Alibaba, one of China's biggest Internet companies.

It has proven to be an astute investment. Yahoo reaped a \$7.6 billion windfall by selling half its stake back to Alibaba last year. Yahoo's remaining stake in Alibaba is now worth even more — about \$14 billion by one analyst's estimate.

Alibaba is expected to go public within the next two years, giving Yahoo an opportunity to sell more of its holdings.

The closure of Yahoo's email service in China comes at the same time



that the company has been shutting down some of its U.S. services, too. The moves are part of an effort to reduce costs and free up more engineers to work on mobile products — a top priority of CEO Marissa

Mayer.

Yahoo was among the first U.S. Internet companies to establish operations in China. But its presence in China turned into a public relations nightmare eight years ago when human

rights activists began to assail Yahoo for cooperating with the Chinese government's demands for personal emails from two journalists who were later convicted and imprisoned. Although Yahoo insisted it

was merely obeying Chinese law, the company was internationally skewered. In 2007, it settled a lawsuit filed on behalf of the two journalists, Shi Tao and Wang Xiaoning, and a family member. □

Nevada quake lab has new \$4M research project

RENO, Nev. (AP) — The University of Nevada's world-renowned earthquake laboratory has launched a nearly \$4 million research project aimed at making nonstructural parts of buildings more earthquake proof.

Engineers at the school's Large-Scale Structures Lab cranked up three 50-ton capacity shake tables on the Reno campus Monday to simulate a quake as part of the groundbreaking project funded by the National Science Foundation. Engineering College dean Manos Maragakis said non-structural items like water pipes, partition walls and ceiling tiles are not critical to structural integrity. But

he said such parts account for about 85 percent of a typical building's value.

"They also can cause lots of damage and down time because the building can't be used, and they can cause injuries or death," Maragakis told the Reno Gazette-Journal.

"For example, a hospital after an earthquake might be structurally sound, but you get inside and it's a mess," he said.

"The pipes have broken and the ceilings have fallen. So they can't use it and the hospital has to be closed."

Kazuhiko Kasai, director of the Structural Engineering and Research Center at the Tokyo Institute of Tech-

nology, was among about a dozen engineers and professors who traveled from Japan to observe Monday's test. Earthquake simulations can be run on computers, but they don't provide the same realistic information as Nevada's lab, he said.

"You know, Japan is very advanced in terms of building protection, but we have not fully developed protection with the non-structural components," Kasai said.

"That really became a very big issue immediately after the (2011) Tohoku earthquake. Many ceilings fell down."

Gov. Brian Sandoval planned to visit the site

on Tuesday when another simulation was scheduled. The research project is one of only three Grand Challenge grants the National Science Foundation is funding, Maragakis said. The other two went to the University of California, Berkeley and the Georgia Institute of Technology. Maragakis is the lead researcher on the UNR project and is working in collaboration with researchers at other institutions, including Cornell University.

"I am excited that the governor is coming here, but I am even more excited that 11 Japanese came here for one day just to see the test," he said. "It shows how important this is and it

also shows the reputation that we have at this university.

Reno should be proud to have the biggest (earthquake simulation) facility in the country."

It's also one of the largest in the world with a 10,000 square-foot laboratory.

A 3 1/2 story expansion, scheduled to open in December, will give UNR's earthquake laboratory a total of 32,000 square feet, Maragakis said.

Japan's facility is about 50,000 square feet, he said, but it only has one shake table to UNR's four, which are moveable and allow the Reno lab to reconfigure the tables to represent different structural designs. □

Stocks gain on earnings; Netflix's profits impress

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NEW YORK (AP) — Companies that do well when the economy is improving led the market higher Tuesday after several of them notched strong earnings. Coach, a maker of luxury handbags, and Netflix, which streams TV shows and movies over the Internet, were big winners after reporting profits that impressed investors. Financial stocks rose after Travelers' earnings beat analysts' expectations.

The Dow closed up 152.29 points, or 1.05 percent, at 14,719.46. The S&P 500 ended 16.28 points higher at 1,578.78, a 1 percent gain. Both indexes are about 1 percent below their record high closes from nearly two weeks ago.

The Nasdaq composite rose 35.78 points, or 1.1 percent, to 3,269.33.

The stock market's surge in 2013 has been led by so-called defensive industries such as health care, consumer staples and utilities. Investors buy those stocks when they want reliable earnings and regular dividends.

Until now, they have been unsure about the strength of the economic recovery and been less enthusiastic about stocks whose fortunes are more closely tied to swings in the U.S. economy.

"For a change we are actually seeing more cyclical parts of the economy lead the market," said Michael Sheldon, chief market strategist at RDM Financial Group.

The Dow Jones industrial average and the Standard & Poor's 500 index both rose 1 percent, and rose for a third straight day. The markets closed higher



A Netflix envelope containing a DVD to be returned by mail is clipped onto a mailbox, in Springfield, Ill. Netflix, which streams TV shows and movies over the Internet, was one of the big winners on Wall Street after reporting profits that impressed investors, Tuesday, April 23, 2013.

(AP Photo/Seth Perlman)

even after stocks and other markets were shaken in the early afternoon when a fake tweet on the AP's Twitter account prompted a sudden sell-off.

A posting saying that there had been explosions at

the White House and that President Barack Obama had been injured was sent at 1:08 p.m. (1708 GMT). The Dow immediately plunged about 143 points, from 14,697 to 14,554. The AP said its Twitter account

had been hacked and the posting was fake.

Within five minutes the Dow had snapped back.

AP spokesman Paul Colford said the news cooperative is working with Twitter to investigate the issue. The AP has disabled its other Twitter accounts following the attack, Colford added. Joe Fox, chairman and co-founder of online brokerage Ditto Trade, was at work in L.A. when he got a call from the Chicago brokerage offices telling him what had happened. Fox watched the market tanking, and its quick bounce back.

"It was a tipsy-turvy rollercoaster for a few minutes there," Fox said.

Fox said the news didn't sound right to him when he first heard it. He thinks that traders are being more cautious in the wake of the 2010 "flash crash," which sent the Dow spiraling 600 points in a matter of minutes.

After the brief sell-off investors turned their focus back to earnings.

A resurgence in corporate profits after the Great Recession has been one of the drivers that pushed the Dow up 12 percent and the S&P 500 up 11 percent this year.

However investors remain unsure how much further earnings can improve without the outlook for growth in the global economy improving as well. □

New-homes sales rise 1.5% in March to 417K

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WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. sales of new homes rebounded in March to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 417,000. The increase added to evidence of a sustained housing recovery at the start of the spring buying season.

The Commerce Department said Tuesday that sales of new homes increased 1.5 percent. The gain brought the level higher than February's pace of 411,000, though below January's 445,000 — the fastest pace since July 2008.

New-home sales are still below the 700,000 pace considered healthy by most economists. But the pace has increased 18.5 percent from a year ago. Most economists see more gains ahead, as housing is likely to remain a consistent driver of economic growth this year.

"With increasing signs of a softer U.S. economy springing up in the spring, we can take comfort in the resilience of the housing re-

covery," said Jennifer Lee, senior economist at BMO Capital Markets.

Steady job creation and near-record-low mortgage rates are spurring more Americans to buy houses.



A worker helps frame a new home under construction in Matthews, N.C. U.S. builders started work on the most homes and apartments in nearly 5 years in March, signaling momentum in the housing recovery.

for sale increased 2 percent in March to a 153,000, the second straight gain. Still, that's the equivalent of a 4.4 month supply at the current sales pace and historically lean, accord-

The rise in demand is helping to boost sales and prices in most markets. Higher prices tend to make homeowners feel wealthier and encourage more spending. A limited supply of both new and previously occupied homes has also helped boost prices.

The inventory of new homes

ing to Jim O'Sullivan, chief U.S. economist at High Frequency Economics.

The median price of a new home rose to \$247,000 in March. That's 3 percent higher than a year ago.

The March sales gain came from a 20.6 percent increase in the Northeast and a 19.4 percent rise in

the South. Sales fell 20.9 percent in the West, where problems of supply have hampered home buying. Sales were down 12.1 percent in the Midwest.

Sales of previously occupied homes dipped in March from February, according to the National Association of Realtors. Still, sales were 10.3 percent higher than a year earlier. The Realtors' group cited the low supply of homes as a reason sales fell in March. But in a positive sign, the inventory of previously occupied homes increased for the second straight month after eight months of declines. That suggests more sellers are confident that the recovery will continue and they can sell at a good price.

Low inventories have helped drive more construction of new homes.

U.S. homebuilders started work on more than 1 million new houses and apartments in March at a seasonally adjusted annual rate, the first time it had crossed that threshold in nearly five years. □

EUROZONE Piraeus Bank approves new solvency plan

ATHENS, Greece (AP) — Greece's second-largest lender, Piraeus Bank, says shareholders have approved a recapitalization plan that is intended to safeguard the bank's solvency. The bank says it is confident it will raise enough funds through private sources to avoid being nationalized. Under the terms of Greece's international bailout, the country's banks must raise 10 percent of their recapitalization needs privately in order to avoid coming under state control. Piraeus said Tuesday its shareholders agreed with the plan worth a total €7.335 billion euros (\$9.56 billion). The announcement came a day after the bank signed a deal to take over the small Millennium Bank, the Greek unit of Portugal's BCP, in return for the Portuguese bank buying Piraeus shares. Chairman Michalis Sallas hailed the agreement and expressed optimism over the Greek economy. □

Poland jobless rate dips down to 14.3 percent

WARSAW, Poland (AP) — Poland's jobless rate inched down to 14.3 percent in March from 14.4 percent the month before, according to government figures released Tuesday. The Central Statistical Office said that some 2.3 million people in this country of 38 million were registered as unemployed at the end of March, a decrease of about 18,000 from February. The jobless rate usually drops in the spring and summer as seasonal jobs become available in farming, forestry, construction and tourism. Poland had weathered the global and European financial crises with good economic growth, but recent data indicate a significant slowdown. □

Delta posts small 1Q profit; slowdown in April

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AP Airlines Writer

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Delta Air Lines said government spending cuts and weak demand from vacation-

ta said demand from last-minute travelers — a category that can include people flying on government business — began to fall in the last part of March, and

fer to passengers. During the first quarter, it cut flying capacity by 3 percent. It said capacity will be flat to up 1 percent in the second quarter. The world's sec-

The company reported net income of \$124 million in the year-ago quarter, but excluding special items it lost \$39 million, or 5 cents per share.



A Delta Airlines jet flies past the company's billboard at Citi Field, in New York. Delta Air Lines Inc. reports quarterly financial results before the market opens Tuesday, April, 23, 2013.

(AP Photo/Mark Lennihan)

ers are hurting revenue this month. Lower fuel prices should help to offset the decline, the airline said on Tuesday. Automatic government spending cuts that took effect last month have been cutting into air travel at some airlines. Del-

that demand from leisure travelers is softer, too. Delta said per-seat revenue will fall 2 percent to 3 percent this month. In response, the airline has been keeping a lid on flying, aiming to charge more for the seats that it does of-

ond-biggest airline earned \$7 million, or a penny per share, for the quarter that ended March 31. Not counting special items, it would have earned \$85 million, or 10 cents per share — better than analysts had been expecting.

Revenue rose 1 percent to \$8.5 billion, matching analyst expectations. The first three months of the year are often money-losers for airlines. Delta says this was its best first-quarter operating profit in more than a decade. □

DuPont says first-quarter net income soars

RANDALL CHASE
AP Business Writer

DOVER, Delaware (AP) — The DuPont Co. said Tuesday that its net income more than doubled in the first quarter on a gain from the sale of its performance coatings unit and strong continuing results in its agricultural unit. CEO Ellen Jamison Kullman said DuPont's efforts to boost long-term growth are working, despite continued tough economic conditions in Europe and some other markets, pointing to strong demand for the company's agriculture products both in the U.S.

and overseas. "Growth fundamentals and agriculture markets remain solid and we expect our product lines to perform very well," Kullman told analysts on a conference call. As a result, the company expects full-year sales growth in the "low teens" at the agriculture business, she said. Sales rose 14 percent in that business in the first quarter. Kullman said the company expects overall market conditions to stabilize around the middle of this year, pointing to the first quarter's 8 percent increase in sales volumes

over fourth-quarter levels as a sign of improvement. While operating profit for the first half of the year will come in below that of the first half of 2012, the company still expects an increase in earnings for the full year, she said. DuPont, based in Wilmington, Delaware, reported net income of \$3.35 billion or \$3.58 per share for the quarter ended March 31. That's up from \$1.49 billion, or \$1.58 per share, a year ago. Revenue increased 2 percent to \$10.4 billion, matching Wall Street expectations, with 4 percent volume

growth in North American and Latin America. Sales were flat in the Asia-Pacific region and down slightly in Europe, the Middle East and Africa. Overall, global volume was up 2 percent. DuPont's results include net income from discontinued operations after taxes of \$1.9 billion, compared to \$95 million in last year's first quarter. The latest results reflect completion of the company's sale of its performance coatings unit, which produces automotive and industrial paints, for \$4.9 billion to The Carlyle Group, a private equity firm. □

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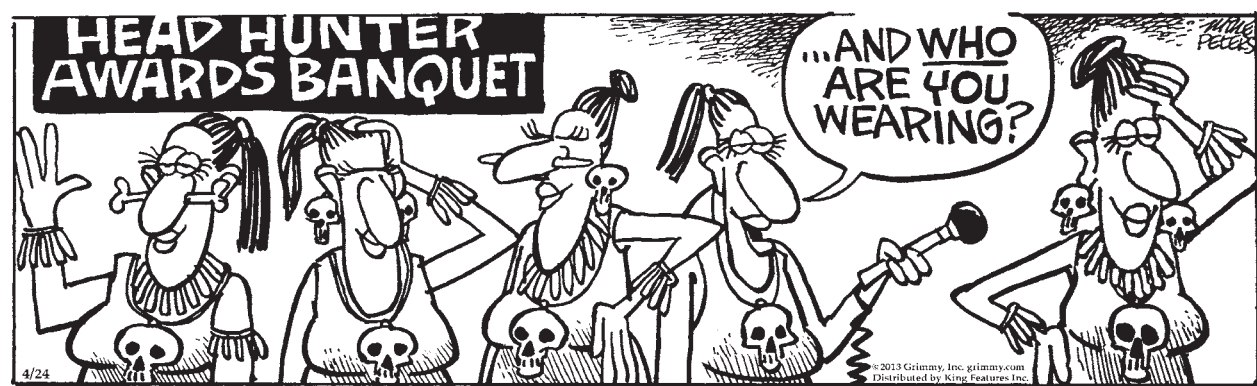
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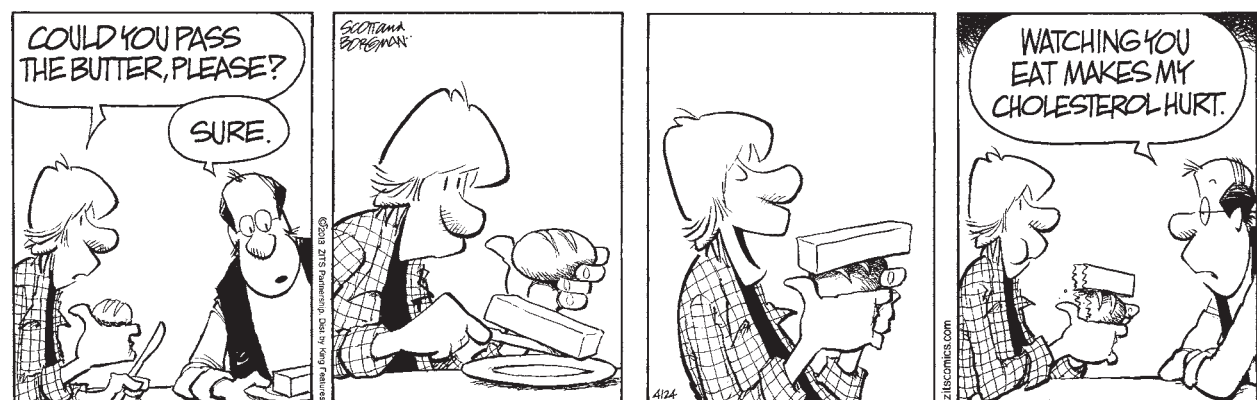
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Conceptis Sudoku

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Difficulty Level ★★

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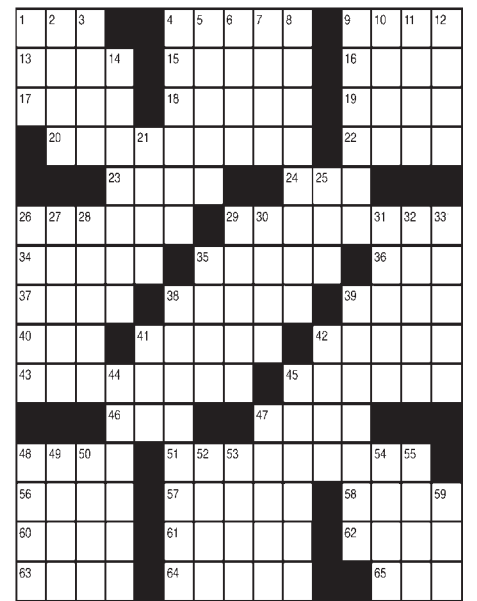
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ACROSS

- 1 Young dog
- 4 oneself; worked steadily
- 9 Housekeeper
- 13 of Wight
- 15 Proverb
- 16 Actor Alan
- 17 "All You Is Love"; Beatles song
- 18 Breathing organs
- 19 on; have confidence in
- 20 Courageous
- 22 Chopping tools
- 23 Rudely brief
- 24 Large flightless bird
- 26 Illness
- 29 Heaven
- 34 Diminish
- 35 Single bite
- 36 Clamor
- 37 of Good Hope
- 38 Keeps an ice cream cone from dripping
- 39 Single grain
- 40 Burro
- 41 Punctures
- 42 Theater section
- 43 At any time
- 45 Wakened
- 46 Beer's cousin
- 47 Fix
- 48 Three Wise Men
- 51 Ironically
- 56 Corrupt
- 57 Burst forth
- 58 Part of speech
- 60 Relocate
- 61 Supermarket lane
- 62 Saga
- 63 Had debts
- 64 Carried
- 65 Morning drops on the grass

DOWN

- 1 Brooch
- 2 Secondhand
- 3 Urgent request
- 4 Measly
- 5 Grown-up
- 6 Walking stick
- 7 Omelet maker's purchases
- 8 Baked Alaska and pecan pie
- 9 Raid in search of plunder
- 10 Trebek of TV
- 11 Doing nothing
- 12 Doris and Dennis
- 14 Teach
- 21 In one's birthday suit
- 25 Actress West
- 26 Large parrot
- 27 Embarrass
- 28 of judgment; moral error
- 29 Indiana hoopster
- 30 Invites
- 31 Thoughts
- 32 Under being attacked
- 33 Stopped
- 35 Grow weary
- 38 Small sofa
- 39 Pupil
- 41 Become firm
- 42 Anthem, e.g.
- 44 Hammered
- 45 Leased
- 47 Syrup flavor
- 48 Short note
- 49 Declare openly
- 50 up; quit
- 52 Threesome
- 53 Reddish brown
- 54 Put cargo on a ship, for instance
- 55 log; wood in the hearth at Christmastime
- 59 Just purchased



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Tuesday's Puzzle Solved

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Married couples need more than love to last

Dr. Gregory Ramey

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DAYTON, Ohio -- "All You Need is Love" may be one of the greatest songs written by The Beatles, but the premise is scientifically invalid according to recent research published in the April 2013 Monitor on Psychology. About 40 to 50 percent of marriages end in divorce, but here's how to beat those statistics, according to the experts who have studied successful marriages.

1. Work hard. People who stay married for a long time make a conscious effort at working at their relationships. They place their commitment to each other as a higher priority than work, hobbies and even their children. They know that the best way to be a great parent is to be in a loving and long-lasting relationship.

2. Talk about things that matter. It's so easy to waste time talking about routine matters of work, family or chores. Happy couples talk about their dreams, fears, hopes and fantasies. They share very private and personal feelings and thus stay emotionally engaged with their partner. With a psychological security based on trust and communication, these couples can truly be themselves and experience that amazing feeling of being safe and accepted in another's presence.

3. Be nice. We all want to feel special, particularly from our lifelong partner. The experts have found that little things mean a lot in a relationship. Simple things such a genuine compliment, a thoughtful surprise and special attention during tough times really matter. They reflect a caring and concern that mean a lot more than flowers once a year.

4. Celebrate life. A colleague of mine left work early to take her husband out for dinner to celebrate his recent positive evaluation at work. I voiced some surprise at making such a big deal over such a routine event. My friend gently advised me that their family constantly searches out opportunities to notice and enjoy events that others may view as routine. Successful partners enjoy each other, and they actively look for ways to have fun. They are attentive to the small accomplishments of their partners.

5. Argue gently. Conflict is inevitable in any relationship. Arguments about making, saving and spending money are the No. 1 sources of tension between partners. Good couples don't ignore such problems, but deal with them in a respectful way with lots of compromise and communication. They avoid bringing up past hurts but focus on coming up with acceptable solutions for both partners. □

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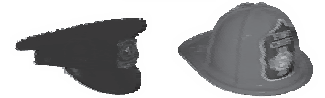
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PYRAMID LAKE, Nev. — For most fishermen a 20-pound trout is a trophy, but for Paiute tribe members and fish biologists here the one Matt Ceccarelli caught was a victory.

That Lahontan cutthroat trout he caught last year, a remnant of a strain that is possibly the largest native trout in North America, is the first confirmed catch of a fish that was once believed to have gone extinct. The fish has been the focus of an intense and improbable federal and tribal effort to restore it to its home waters.

"I was in awe," said Ceccarelli, 32, an engineer from Sparks, Nev., of the speckled trout with hues of olive and rose.

Early settlers told stories of Pyramid Lake Lahontan cutthroats that weighed more than 60 pounds, though the official world record was a 41-pounder caught by a Paiute man in 1925. The explorer who discovered this electric-blue oasis in 1844, John Fremont, called them "salmon trout." Mark Twain raved about their flavor. Clark Gable, the actor, chased them. President Bill Clinton and tribe members called for their restoration.

"When I heard about them I was like, man, I want to see these guys," said Desmond Mitchell, 40, a fish supervisor for the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe.

Lahontan cutthroats, Nevada's state fish, evolved in the Great Basin, which was flooded under a giant inland sea called Lake Lahontan during the last ice age. Pyramid Lake, which today lies on a Paiute Indi-



Tony Eben catches a Lahontan cutthroat trout at the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe fisheries on the Paiute Indian Reservation in Sutcliffe, Nev., April 18, 2013.



A model of the world record Lahontan cutthroat trout, a 41-pounder caught in 1925, on display at the Crosby Lodge at Pyramid Lake in Sutcliffe, Nev., April 18, 2013.

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an reservation, was part of that ancient lake, and inside its unique inland water system, which includes the Truckee River and Lake Tahoe, a giant strain of trout evolved.

"Our fish have deep meaning for us, spiritually," said Albert John, executive director of fisheries for the tribe. "And if they could get to 40 pounds again, whoa,

that'd be awesome." In the late 19th and early 20th centuries fishermen netted scores of Lahontan cutthroats to feed miners and loggers gnawing at the Sierra Nevada Mountains. But the Truckee River, where the fish spawned, was dammed, and its level dropped as water was taken for irrigation. It was also polluted with chemicals and sawdust. And Lake Tahoe was stocked with a nonnative char called lake trout, which gobble baby cutthroat. By the mid-1940s, all the native trout in Pyramid Lake and Lake Tahoe were dead and the strain was declared extinct.

"They never should have gone in the first place," said Fred Crosby, 66, owner

of Crosby Lodge, the only bar, restaurant, gas station and tackle shop in tiny Sutcliffe, Nev., a poor reservation town on the west shore of Pyramid Lake.

In the mid-1970s the Paiute Tribe opened a fish hatchery in Sutcliffe and stocked Pyramid Lake with strains stream with trout in the early 1900s, but made no record, federal biologists say. Geneticists recently compared cutthroats from the Pilot Peak stream with mounts of giant Pyramid Lake trout and discovered an exact DNA match.

"They are the originals," said Corene Jones, 39, the broodstock coordinator for the Lahontan National Fish Hatchery in Gardnerville, Nev.

In 1995, U.S. Fish and Wild-

life Service biologists harvested cutthroat eggs from Pilot Peak and brought them to the Gardnerville hatchery, just a few years before a devastating wildfire scorched the mountain and killed off the creek. In 2006 federal officials, in cooperation with the tribe, began stocking Pyramid Lake with what many now call Pilot Peak cutthroats. They waited to see how the fish might readapt to its ancestral home.

The answer came from ecstatic anglers. Late last year, a Reno man caught and released a 24-pounder. David Hamel, 27, of Reno, just did the same with a pair of 20-pound cutthroats.

"Biggest fish of my life," he said. "Amazing."

Since November, dozens of anglers have reported catching Pilot Peak cutthroats weighing 15 pounds or more. Biologists are astounded because inside Pyramid Lake these powerful fish, now adolescents, grew five times as fast as other trout species and are only a third of the way through their expected life span.

Around this arid reservation of burnt sienna mountains and sagebrush tufts, workers from the gas station clerk in the windblown town of Nixon, Nev., to the bartender who sells fishing licenses in Sutcliffe say they have seen a spike in revenue because of the big fish.

"The lake is basically the bread and butter for the tribe," said Elwood Lowery, the tribal chairman. The reservation has no casinos because of competition from nearby Reno, he said. Biologists and Paiute officials are calling the return of Pyramid Lake's original cutthroats a rare win-win-win for native wildlife restoration, the tribe's economy and anglers.

"The fish is now telling its own story," said Lisa Heki, 51, complex manager at the Lahontan National Fish Hatchery. "Along with the fishermen who get to catch them." □

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Dwayne Johnson tweets pic after hernia surgery



In this Saturday, March 23, 2013 photo, Dwayne Johnson poses for a portrait at the Four Seasons in Los Angeles. Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Dwayne Johnson is home after hernia surgery. The 40-year-old "G.I. Joe: Retaliation" star tweeted a photo of himself in a hospital bed Tuesday. He's flexing his muscles while wearing a Superman shirt and a hospital bonnet. Johnson wrote that the doctor repaired three hernia tears. Johnson's publicist, Alan Nierob, says the actor is now recovering at home. Johnson's latest film, "Pain & Gain," opens Friday. He can also be seen in "Fast & Furious 6" next month. □

Ryan Lochte on critics: Haters are 'a given'

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Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — What would Ryan Lochte do if he became the brunt of a joke? Ignore it. The 28-year-old Olympic gold medalist-turned-reality TV star addressed the ups-and-downs of fame at the E! Network Upfront in New York on Monday. He's experienced both in recent days.

A new reality series "What Would Ryan Lochte Do?" premiered Sunday on the E! cable TV channel. It debuted on the heels of an unflattering video that went viral over the weekend where he appeared in an interview via satellite with Fox affiliate WTXF in Philadelphia. The segment itself—while rather dull and maybe a little awkward—became the most entertaining when it ended. The anchors doubled over with laughter over Lochte's response to some of their questions and wondered out loud how producers would have enough material to put together a TV show about him. On the E! carpet, Lochte said he takes any naysayers in stride.

"The more known you get in the public eye, the more haters you're gonna have



Olympic swimmer Ryan Lochte from "What Would Ryan Lochte Do?" attends the E! Network 2013 Upfront at the Manhattan Center on Monday April 22, 2013 in New York.

and that's a given," he rationalized. "But, you know what? All the haters, all the name calling goes through one ear (and) out the other and I don't mind it. The way I look at it the more haters I have it means I'm doing something right." He credits swimming with helping him to block out the noise of negativity. "With swimming I've been known to cut out everything. The crowd, everything. Just focus on me and my lane and what I need to accomplish so I can do that pretty much in life too." □

Kim Kardashian says she's ready for childbirth



Kim Kardashian from "Keeping Up With The Kardashians" attend the E! Network 2013 Upfront at the Manhattan Center on Monday April 22, 2013 in New York.

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FILE - This is a Tuesday, Sept. 25, 2007 file photo of Sharon and Ozzy Osbourne as they arrive at the Elton John AIDS Foundation's sixth annual benefit "An Enduring Vision" at The Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, in New York.

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‘Vanilla Ice Goes Amish’ to debut on DIY this year

NEW YORK (AP) — The DIY television network is proving a comfortable home for rappers turned renovators. “Vanilla Ice Goes Amish” will debut on the network this year. Network executive Burton Jablin says the former rap star will live with an Amish community in Ohio to learn how they do construction. Vanilla Ice already has a

renovation series on the network that will return for its fourth season this fall. Reverend Run of Run DMC will have a series next year starring with his wife and three children as they renovate their home. Keeping with the music theme, DIY will also feature Daryl Hall next year as he renovates a farmhouse in Connecticut. □



This image released by DIY Network shows 90s recording artist Vanilla Ice, born Robert Van Winkle, is shown in the new series “Vanilla Ice Goes Amish,” where Van Winkle learns from craftsmen. Associated Press



This Sept. 28, 2012 file photo shows director Ang Lee, right, and actor Suraj Sharma at the premiere of “Life of Pi” at the 50th annual New York Film Festival in New York.

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Life of Pi star says blessing to work with Ang Lee

NEW DELHI (AP) — “Life of Pi” actor Suraj Sharma credits director Ang Lee with setting him on a path to continue with a career in movies. Sharma told The Times of India in an interview published Tuesday that getting to work with the Oscar-winning director on “Life of Pi” was a blessing. “The amount I learned and did was awesome. Ang gave me a path. Before that, I didn’t even know what I would do in life,” he was quoted as saying. After making the

movie, “I know I want to tell stories,” he said. “I don’t know whether I just want to act or be behind the camera, holding the camera or just being the boom director. But I want to be on the sets. It has to be something to do with cinema,” he said. Sharma, 20, said his next Hollywood film will be “Million Dollar Arm.” The film revolves around a real-life reality show that searched for potential Major League Baseball pitchers among Indian cricketers. □

Streisand feted by Clinton, Liza Minnelli and friends

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NEW YORK (AP) — “Ever since I can remember,” Barbara Streisand told a crowd at Lincoln Center Monday night, “people have been calling me bossy and opinionated.”

She continued: “Maybe that’s because I am. Three cheers for bossy women!” The crowd roared.

Of course, the crowd — which included the singer’s friends, Bill and Hillary Rodham Clinton, was roaring at pretty much anything connected to her all evening, as the legend of song and screen was honored for her film career with the 40th annual Chaplin Award from the Film Society of Lincoln Center.

The Streisand fans especially loved the film highlights, which covered everything from “Funny Girl” and “The Way We Were” to “The Owl and the Pussycat,” “What’s Up, Doc?” and “Meet the Fockers.”

And then there was “Yentl” — the first Hollywood movie to be directed, produced, written and starred in by a woman, as the crowd was reminded.

Streisand spoke of how hard it was to get funding to make the film. Producers, it seemed, weren’t

as passionate as she was about the tale of a Jewish girl in Eastern Europe who so longed to study the Talmud that she disguised herself as a boy. It was only when Streisand agreed to turn the movie into a musical — and most importantly, sing in it herself — that she was able to go ahead with the project.

“It’s funny how things always come back to music,” she said. “How it saves me.”

Streisand, who turns 71 this week, is one of the few entertainers to have won Oscar, Emmy, Grammy and Tony awards. Although she is perhaps most loved for her beautiful singing voice, she told the audience that as a young child, what she wanted most was to be an actress. But nobody really wanted “a 15-year-old Medea,” she noted. “Thank God I was given a good voice,” she said, explaining how her singing opened the doors to acting.

Not that acting was so easy in the early going. At age 16, she recalled, she had to show in a scene that she was in love with a man. But she was not attracted to the actor, she said, so she placed a piece of chocolate cake nearby — so she could stare at that longing-

ly, instead.

For the awards gala, which raised \$2 million for the film society — twice the previous high amount for the annual event — Streisand was serenaded by Wynton Marsalis on trumpet, by Liza Minnelli, and by Tony Bennett, who closed the show with the song, “Smile,” fittingly a Charlie Chaplin song. Also appearing onstage to praise their friend and colleague were Michael Douglas, Catherine Deneuve (last year’s honoree), Amy Irving, Blythe Danner, George Segal, Ben Stiller, Pierce Brosnan and Kris Kristofferson.

In video clips, Robert Redford — her “The Way We Were” co-star — spoke of how he’d been warned before making the movie that Streisand was “a pain,” but discovered that she was “totally engaging to act with, beautiful, thorough and skilled.” And Omar Sharif, who played Nick Arnstein in “Funny Girl,” gave perhaps the most moving video tribute, talking about how incredible it was that he, an Egyptian actor, played a New York Jew in the 1968 film, and how she had become such a good friend. “We used to go to the cinema together,” Sharif said. □

The Jobless Trap



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FDR told us that the only thing we had to fear was fear itself. But when future historians look back at our monstrously failed response to economic depression, they probably won't blame fear, per se. Instead, they'll castigate our leaders for fearing the wrong things.

For the overriding fear driving economic policy has been debt hysteria, fear that unless we slash spending we'll turn into Greece any day now. After all, haven't economists proved that economic growth collapses once public debt exceeds 90 percent of GDP?

Well, the famous red line on debt, it turns out, was an artifact of dubious statistics, reinforced by bad arithmetic. And America isn't and can't be Greece, because countries that borrow in their own currencies operate under very different rules from those that rely on someone else's money. After years of repeated warnings that fiscal crisis is just around the corner, the U.S. government can still borrow at incredibly low interest rates.

But while debt fears were and are misguided, there's a real danger we've ignored: the corrosive effect, social and economic, of persistent high unemployment. And even as the case for debt hysteria is collapsing, our worst fears about the damage from long-term unemployment are being confirmed.

Now, some unemployment is inevitable in an ever-changing economy. Modern America tends to have an unemployment rate of 5 percent or more even in good times. In these good times, however, spells of unemployment are typically brief. Back in 2007 there were about 7 million unemployed Americans – but only a small fraction of this total, around 1.2 million, had been out of work more than six months.

Then financial crisis struck, leading to a terrifying economic plunge followed by a weak recovery. Five years after the crisis, unemployment remains elevated, with almost 12 million Americans out of work. But what's really striking is the huge number of long-term unemployed, with 4.6 million unemployed more than six months and more than 3 million who have been jobless for a year or more. Oh, and these numbers don't count those who have given up looking for work because there are no jobs to be found.

It goes without saying that the explosion of long-term unemployment is a tragedy for the unemployed themselves. But it may also be a broader economic disaster.

The key question is whether workers who have been unemployed for a long time eventually come to be seen as unemployable, tainted goods that nobody will buy. This could happen because their work skills atrophy, but a more likely reason is that potential employers assume that something must be wrong with people who can't find a job, even if the real reason is simply the terrible economy. And there is, unfortunately, growing evidence that the tainting of the long-term unemployed is happening as we speak.

One piece of evidence comes from the relationship between job openings and unemployment. Normally these two numbers move inversely: the more job openings, the fewer Americans out of work. And this traditional relationship remains true if we look at short-term unemployment. But as William Dickens and Rand Ghayad of Northeastern University recently showed, the relationship has broken down for the long-term unemployed: A rising number of job openings doesn't seem to do much to reduce their numbers. It's as if employers don't even bother looking at anyone who has been out of work for a long time.

To test this hypothesis, Ghayad then did an experiment, sending out resumes describing the qualifications and employment history of 4,800 fictitious workers. Who got called back? The answer was that workers who reported having been unemployed for six months or more got very few callbacks, even when all their other qualifications were better than those of workers who did attract employer interest.

So we are indeed creating a permanent class of jobless Americans. And let's be clear: This is a policy decision. The main reason our economic recovery has been so weak is that, spooked by fear-mongering over debt, we've been doing exactly what basic macroeconomics says you shouldn't do – cutting government spending in the face of a depressed economy.

It's hard to overstate how self-destructive this policy is. Indeed, the shadow of long-term unemployment means that austerity policies are counterproductive even in purely fiscal terms. Workers, after all, are taxpayers too; if our debt obsession exiles millions of Americans from productive employment, it will cut into future revenues and raise future deficits.

Our exaggerated fear of debt is, in short, creating a slow-motion catastrophe. It's ruining many lives, and at the same time making us poorer and weaker in every way. And the longer we persist in this folly, the greater the damage will be. □



The Benefits Of Church



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One of the most striking scientific discoveries about religion in recent years is that going to church weekly is good for you. Religious attendance – at least, religiosity – boosts the immune system and decreases blood pressure. It may add as much as two to three years to your life. The reason for this is not entirely clear.

Social support is no doubt part of the story. At the evangelical churches I've studied as an anthropologist, people really did seem to look out for one another. They showed up with dinner when friends were sick and sat to talk with them when they were unhappy. The help was sometimes surprisingly concrete. Perhaps a third of the church members belonged to small groups that met weekly to talk about the Bible and their lives. One evening, a young woman in a group I joined began to cry. Her dentist had told her that she needed a \$1,500 procedure, and she didn't have the money. To my amazement, our small group – most of them students – simply covered the cost, by anonymous donation. A study

conducted in North Carolina found that frequent churchgoers had larger social networks, with more contact with, more affection for, and more kinds of social support from those people than their unchurched counterparts. And we know that social support is directly tied to better health. Healthy behavior is no doubt another part. Certainly many churchgoers struggle with behaviors they would like to change, but on average, regular church attendees drink less, smoke less, use fewer recreational drugs and are less sexually promiscuous than others.

That tallies with my own observations. At a church I studied in Southern California, the standard conversion story seemed to tell of finding God and never taking methamphetamine again. (One woman told me that while cooking her dose, she set off an explosion in her father's apartment and blew out his sliding glass doors. She said to me, "I knew that God was trying to tell me I was going the wrong way.") In my next church, I remember sitting in a house group listening to a woman talk about an addiction she could not break. I assumed that she was talking about her own struggle with methamphetamine. It turned out that she thought she read too many novels.

Yet I think there may be another factor. Any faith demands that you experience the world as more than just what is material and observable. This does not mean that God is imaginary, but that because God is immaterial, those of faith must use their imaginations to represent God. To know God in an evangelical church, you must experience what can only be imagined as real, and you must also experience it as good.

I want to suggest that this is a skill and that it can be learned. We can call it absorption: the ca-

capacity to be caught up in your imagination, in a way you enjoy. What I saw in church as an anthropological observer was that people were encouraged to listen to God in their minds, but only to pay attention to mental experiences that were in accord with what they took to be God's character, which they took to be good. I saw that people were able to learn to experience God in this way, and that those who were able to experience a loving God vividly were healthier – at least, as judged by a standardized psychiatric scale. Increasingly, other studies bear out this observation that the capacity to imagine a loving God vividly leads to better health.

For example, in one study, when God was experienced as remote or not loving, the more someone prayed, the more psychiatric distress she seemed to have; when God was experienced as close and intimate, the more someone prayed, the less ill he was. In another study, at a private Christian college in Southern California, the positive quality of an attachment to God significantly decreased stress and did so more effectively than the quality of the person's relationships with other people.

Eventually, this may teach us how to harness the "placebo" effect – a terrible word, because it suggests an absence of intervention rather than the presence of a healing mechanism that depends neither on pharmaceuticals nor on surgery. We do not understand the placebo effect, but we know it is real. That is, we have increasingly better evidence that what anthropologists would call "symbolic healing" has real physical effects on the body. At the heart of some of these mysterious effects may be the capacity to trust that what can only be imagined may be real, and be good. □

In Texas, it's bluebonnet (and trespassing) season

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CHAPPELL HILL, Texas — It is bluebonnet season in Texas, when hayfields and grazing pastures are trans-

like they have some sort of legal access just because there are bluebonnets."

Indigenous to Texas, the bluebonnet was adopted as the state flower in 1901.

his kid on top of one of my cows," he said.

Most are after that perfect bluebonnet photo to put on holiday cards or post on social media sites.

which have reduced the number of photogenic fields.

Terrell takes her own pictures, but some professional photographers create outdoor studios in the fields, where clients show up for appointments. Props might include baby bunnies for children to cuddle or, curiously, bubbles for brides to blow (and burst). "Bluebonnet portraits are a huge part of my business," said Clare Dempsey, a professional photographer in Fort Worth. "It's embarrassing to say this, but photographers can get very territorial and cutthroat about their spots."

That is why she has been watching a certain location — she will not say where — for the last two weeks so she can stake her claim when the blooms are most lush. "If you don't get in there immediately, the flowers will be flattened by other people," Dempsey said.

This, despite the widespread belief that it is illegal to pick or damage bluebonnets. "It's a myth that's been perpetuated to restrain people," said Waitt of the Wildflower Center. "Who knows how bad it would be if people didn't think it was illegal." Law enforcement officials report having to increase patrols during bluebonnet season. Sheriff Buddy Mills

of Gillespie County, in the Texas Hill Country, said his deputies were out in force to "keep traffic moving and make people aware that just because there's no fence doesn't mean it's not private property." It is not unusual for public roads in the county to cut through a private ranch with little, if any, easement. "So all that land is their yard, if you think about it," Mills said. "It may be 5,000 acres, but it's still their yard."

Websites for bluebonnet enthusiasts may be compounding the problem by pinpointing the best blooming areas. "There's definitely bad bluebonnet etiquette out there," said PerriAngela Wickham, founder of texasbluebonnetsightings.com, which has 7,300 Facebook followers. "There are properties I see that I will never post because of the trespassing issue, and if I do post a picture, I might say it's on private property and not disclose the location."

But most landowners are resigned to the annual intrusion, and some even look forward to it. Catherine MacDermott, a professor of business communication at St. Edward's University in Austin, welcomes admirers of the bluebonnets growing around her home in the city's historic Travis Heights neighborhood. □



A cyclist rides through a field of bluebonnets at Brushy Creek Lake Park in Cedar Park, Texas, April 21, 2013. The state flower's brief blooming period is also trespassing season, as crowds tramp through privately owned farms and ranches for the perfect photo.

(Drew Anthony Smith/The New York Times)

formed into seas of indigo bloom. And while Vermonters take pride in their fall foliage and Washingtonians love their cherry blossoms, Texans can be near fanatical about bluebonnets, sometimes ignoring property laws and personal safety to wade into their fragrant midst.

"It's like a feeding frenzy every spring," said Damon Waitt, a botanist and senior director at the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center in Austin.

"Every parent in Texas must have at least one picture of their kids in the bluebonnets, so you'll see dotting the hillsides little baby butt prints where the flowers have been smooshed down."

And because 92 percent of the land in Texas is privately owned, bluebonnet season is also trespassing season. "It's weird when you drive down the road and see all these people jumping over fences," said George Dillingham, a real estate broker in Brenham, which is about halfway between Houston and Austin. "It's amazing — people feel

It is a member of the legume family, genus *Lupinus*, and grows low to the ground, with stems sprouting conical clusters of tiny blue flowers that resemble prairie bonnets. April is peak blooming season, and thanks to statewide seeding efforts that began in the 1930s by the Texas Highway Department, bluebonnets grow abundantly along roadsides and have infiltrated much of the adjoining land.

On sunny spring weekends, countless cars park on the sides of Texas highways and farm roads as crowds spill into fields of bluebonnets, heedless of snakes, scorpions, bees, fire ants, bull nettle and even barbed wire.

"I put out a 'No Trespassing' sign, but people just ignored it," said Don Jones, a retired construction company executive who lives on 175 acres in Chappell Hill, about 60 miles northwest of Houston. Entire wedding parties have tramped through his bluebonnets, and a group of Muslims once came to pray. "Someone even put

"It gets really crowded, so when you find a good field, you kind of have to get in, take your picture and go," said Heather Terrell, a Web designer for Travelocity in Fort Worth who began taking bluebonnet photos annually when her daughter, Lennox, was born three years ago. Adding to the pressure are drought conditions in much of Texas,



Emily Wilcox runs through a field of bluebonnets at Brushy Creek Lake Park in Cedar Park, Texas, April 20, 2013.

(Drew Anthony Smith/The New York Times)